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rowing a boat or
running an elevator?*

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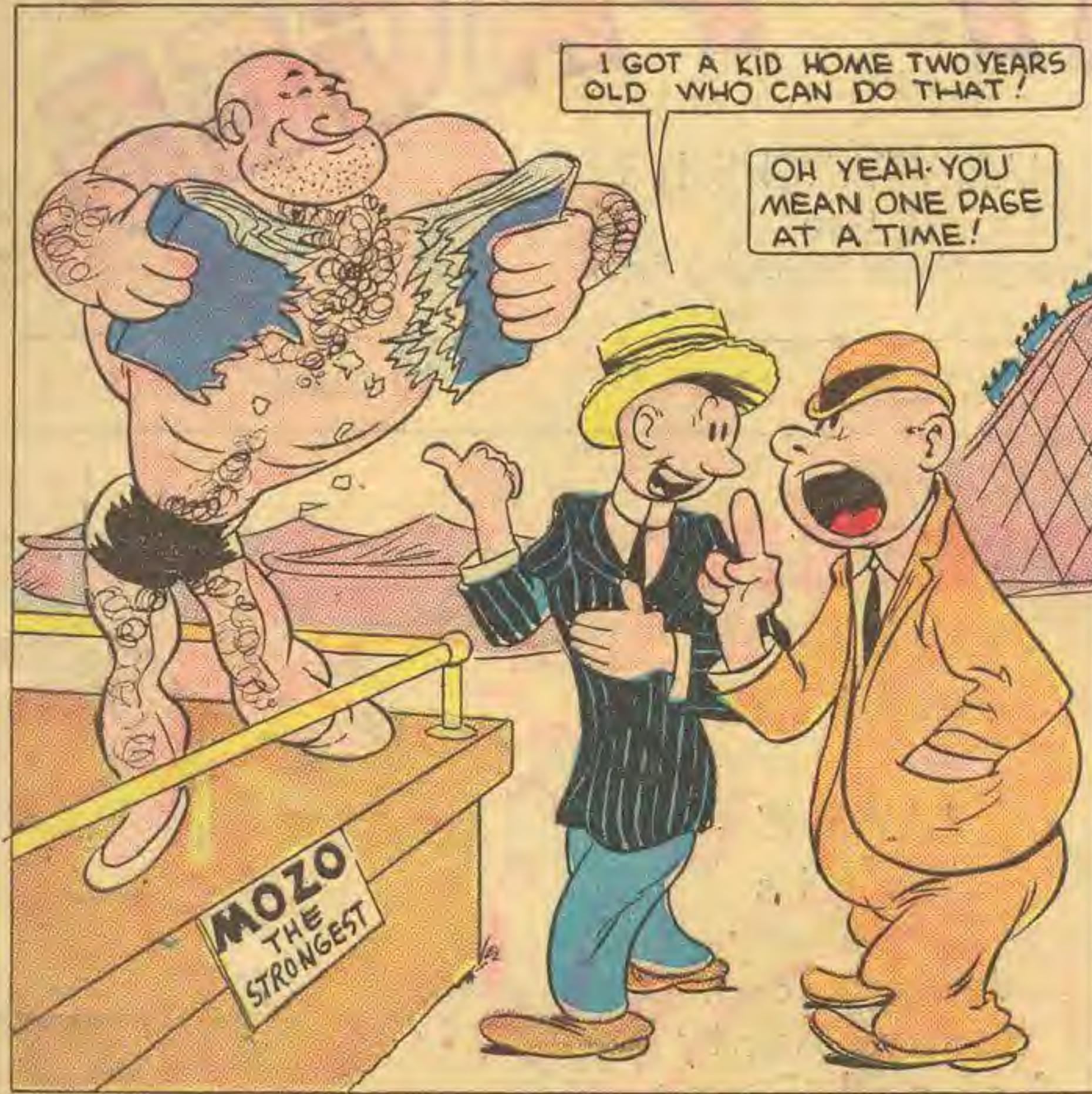
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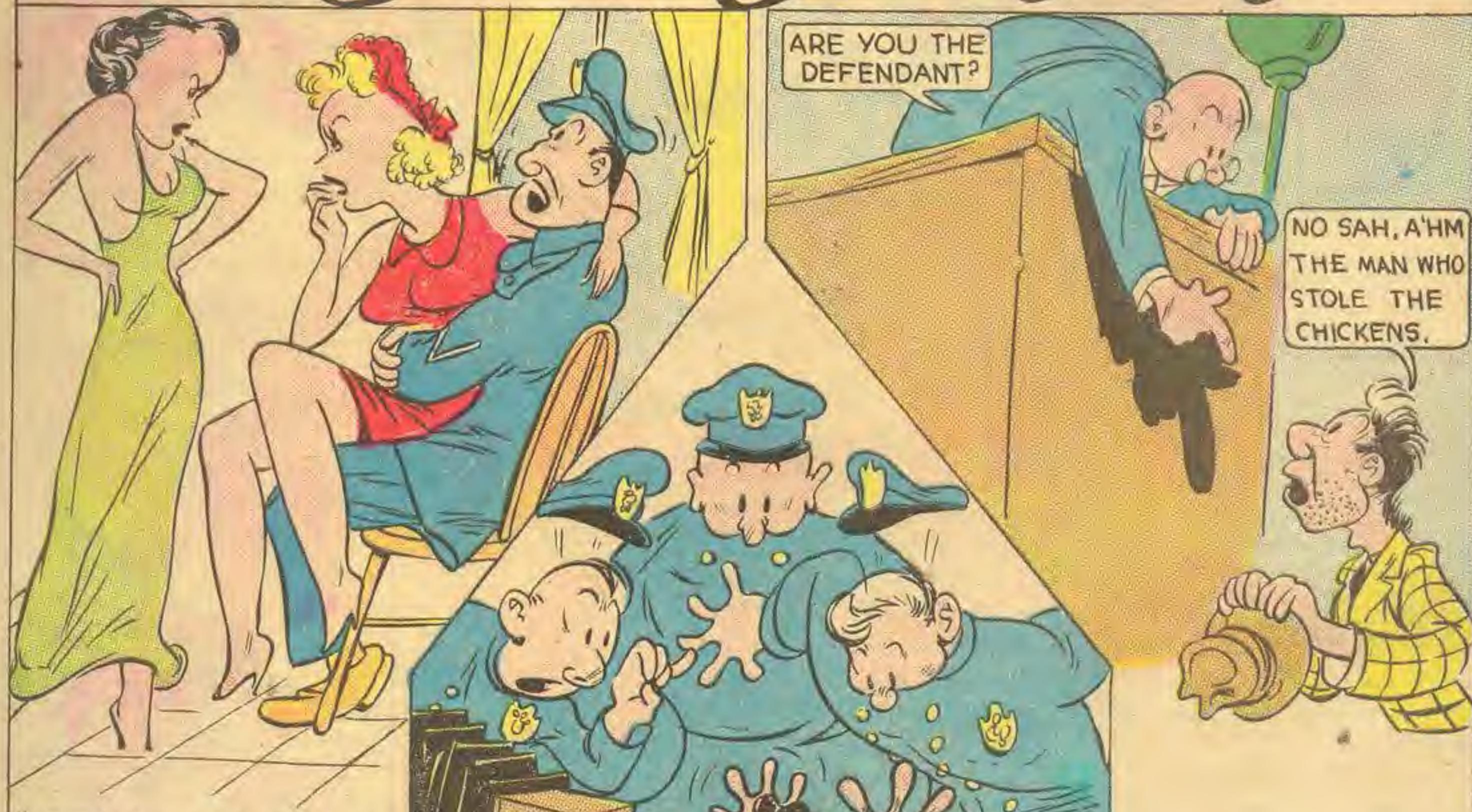
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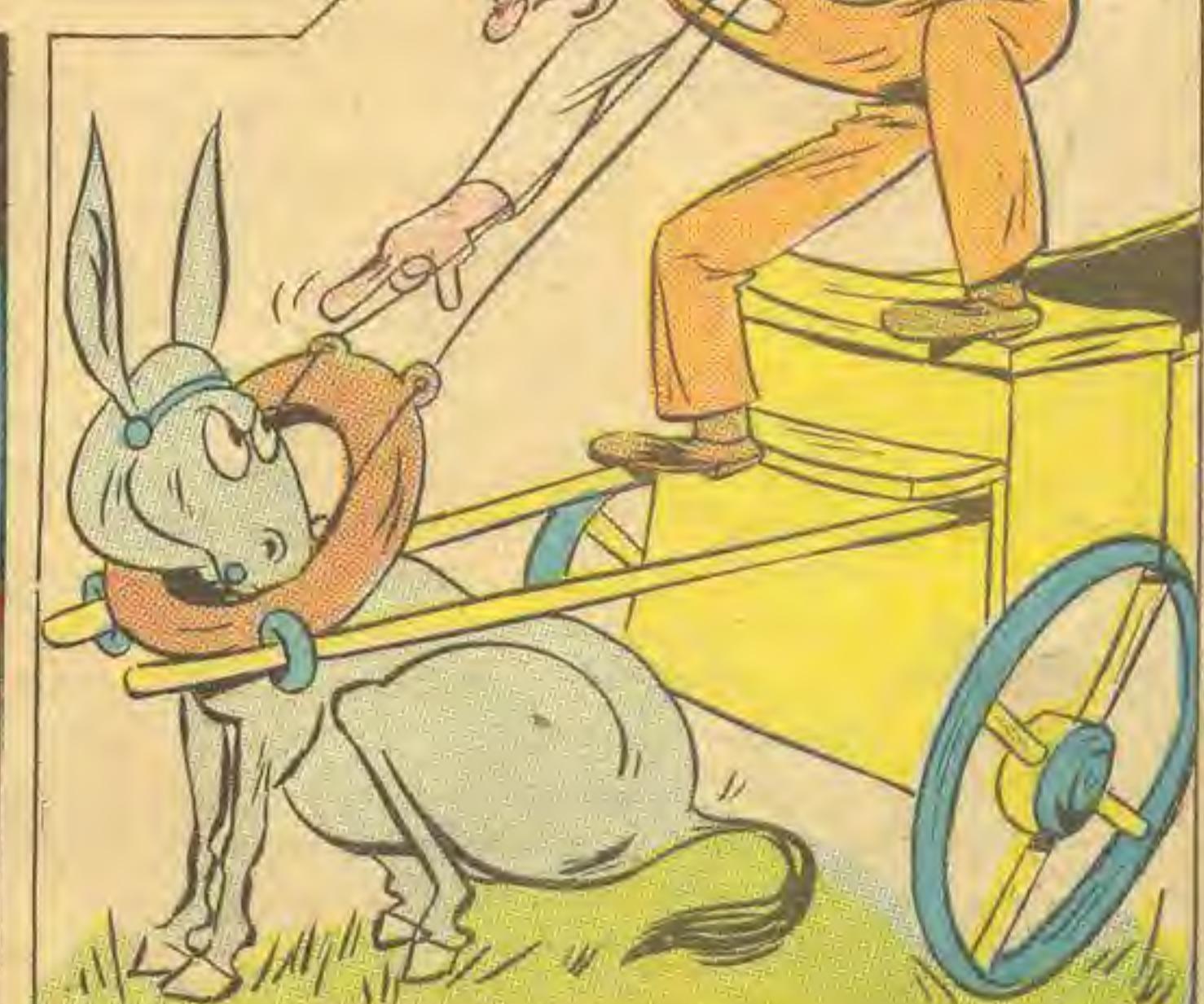
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Laughing at Life



"HE TOLD ME TO SIT HERE,
MA'AM, AND IT'S AGAINST
THE LAW TO RESIST AN
OFFICER."



Jest 4 Minute

HELLO, FOLKS!

Boy, we're sure glad that the hot weather is almost gone! All summer long we had to use our imaginations to keep us cool during the sweltering months. As long as we couldn't go up to the NORTH POLE and paddle around in a KAYAK, we fixed up a couple of substitutes. We had our artists draw us a couple of nice, cool ICEBERGS, and a flock of IGLOOS, and we set them around the office to create an ARCTIC atmosphere. That, my friends, is why we were able to turn out such a swell issue of FUNNY PAGES last month!

And as long as we had the ARCTIC atmosphere, we organized a regular exploring party to discover new GAGS, STORIES, and FEATURES, to make this issue of FUNNY PAGES bigger and better than EVER!

In that nice refreshing setting, we had no trouble at all thinking up hundreds of new FUNNY SITUATIONS for our comic characters to strut their stuff in. We're sure you'll agree with us that their crazy antics in this issue will make you HOWL with LAUGHTER!

You know, since we pepped up our artists and gagsters last month, we've made THOUSANDS of new FRIENDS like yourself all over the whole wide WORLD! They like the idea of keeping our staff working at a fast and funny pace so that we can give you the BIGGEST dime's worth of ENTERTAINMENT you can buy ANYWHERE!

Well, we must admit that we like the idea, too. . . . And we're going to keep up the dizzy pace in EVERY kind of WEATHER, in order to make each new issue of FUNNY PAGES better than the last!

Sh-h-h-h-h! Here's the kind of little secret that everybody likes. You know, the kind that you can go around and whisper to all your friends. . . . When you finish reading this copy of FUNNY PAGES, you can get a BIG kick out of reading FUNNY PICTURE STORIES, the magazine with a thousand THRILLS. It's just PACKED with SPEED, ACTION, and EXCITING STORIES of every kind. And for a thousand LAUGHS, we recommend STAR COMICS, our other big COMIC magazine. But for real he-man, rootin', tootin', shootin' stories of the old WILD and WOOLY WEST, you can always depend on STAR RANGER, the big CARTOON magazine of the GOLDEN WEST. Everyone of them is chock full of vivid colors and ACTION pictures from cover to COVER!

Well, friends, we won't keep you any longer as we know you are anxious to start reading this SWELL issue of FUNNY PAGES, so go right ahead and . . . we'll see you all next month.

HAPPY READING . . .



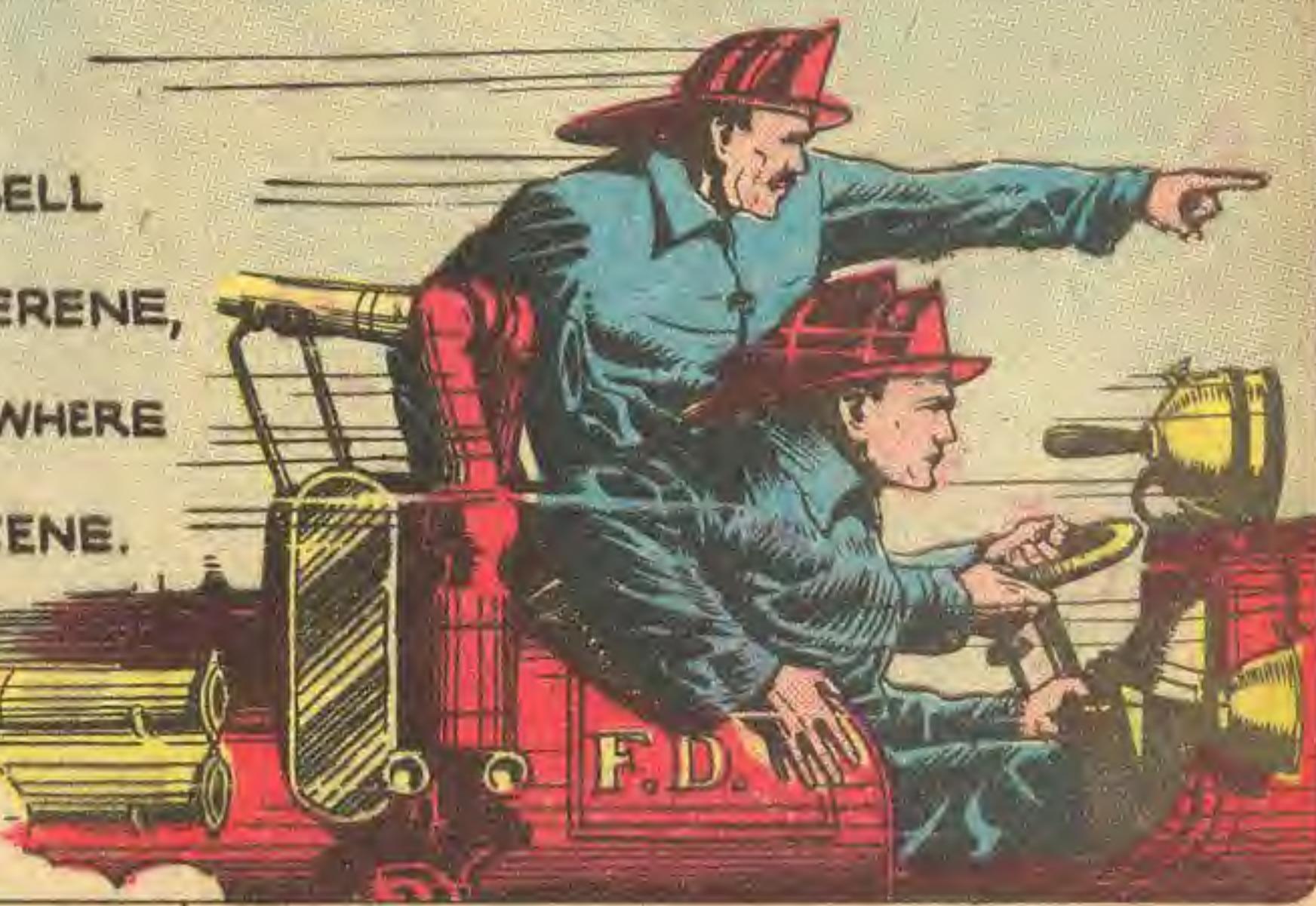
Salute TO OUR FIREFMEN

A SHRIEKING SIREN AND A BELL

BREAK THROUGH THE AIR SERENE,

A FIRE HAS BROKEN OUT SOMEWHERE

AND THEY RUSH TO THE SCENE.



THE FLAMES RISE HIGH AND LICK THE SKY
BUT CANNOT DAUNT THE BRAVE;
WITH AXE AND HOSE THEY DO OR DIE,
AND MANY LIVES THEY SAVE.

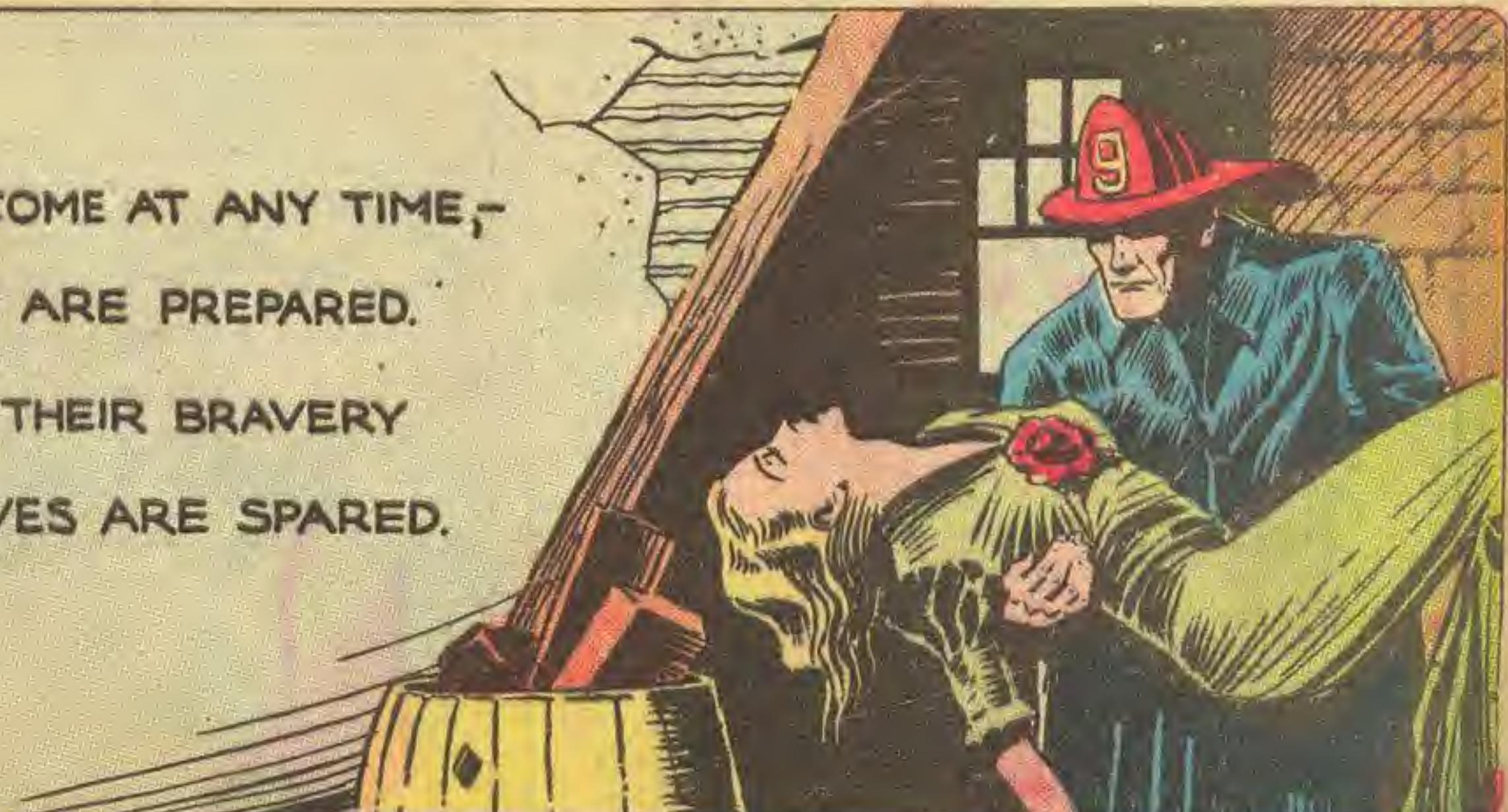


ALARMS MAY COME AT ANY TIME,-

THE FIREFMEN ARE PREPARED.

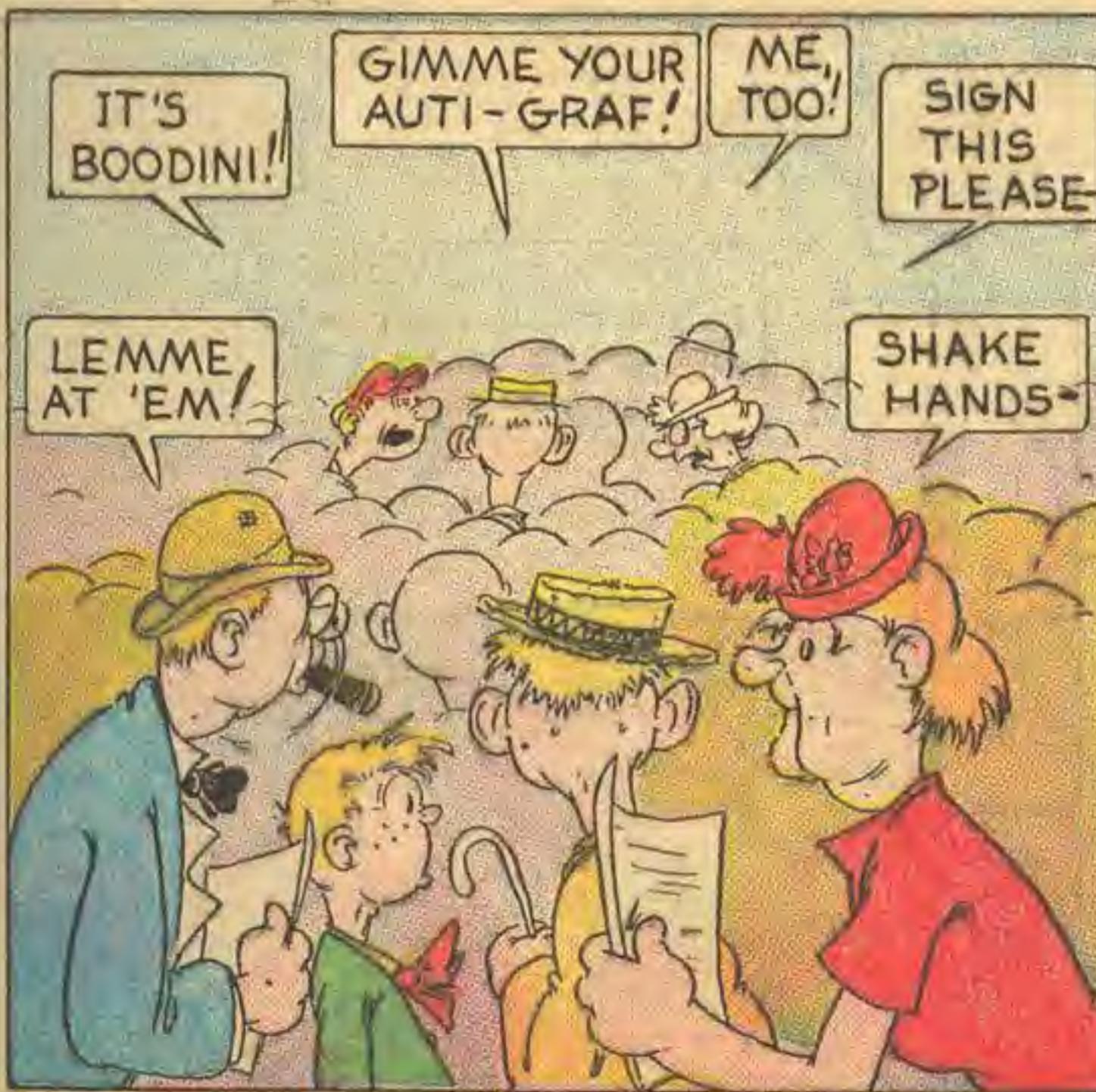
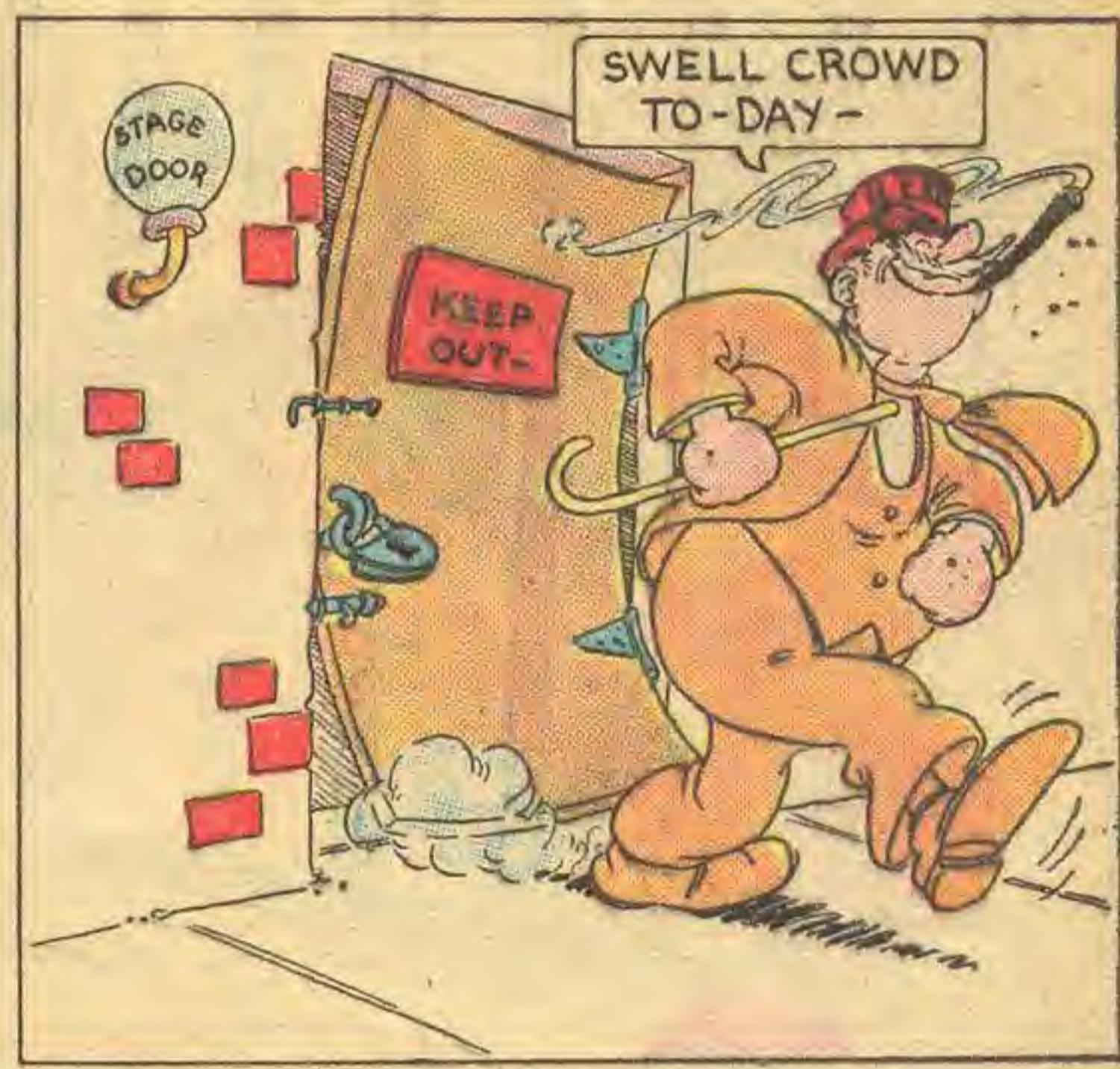
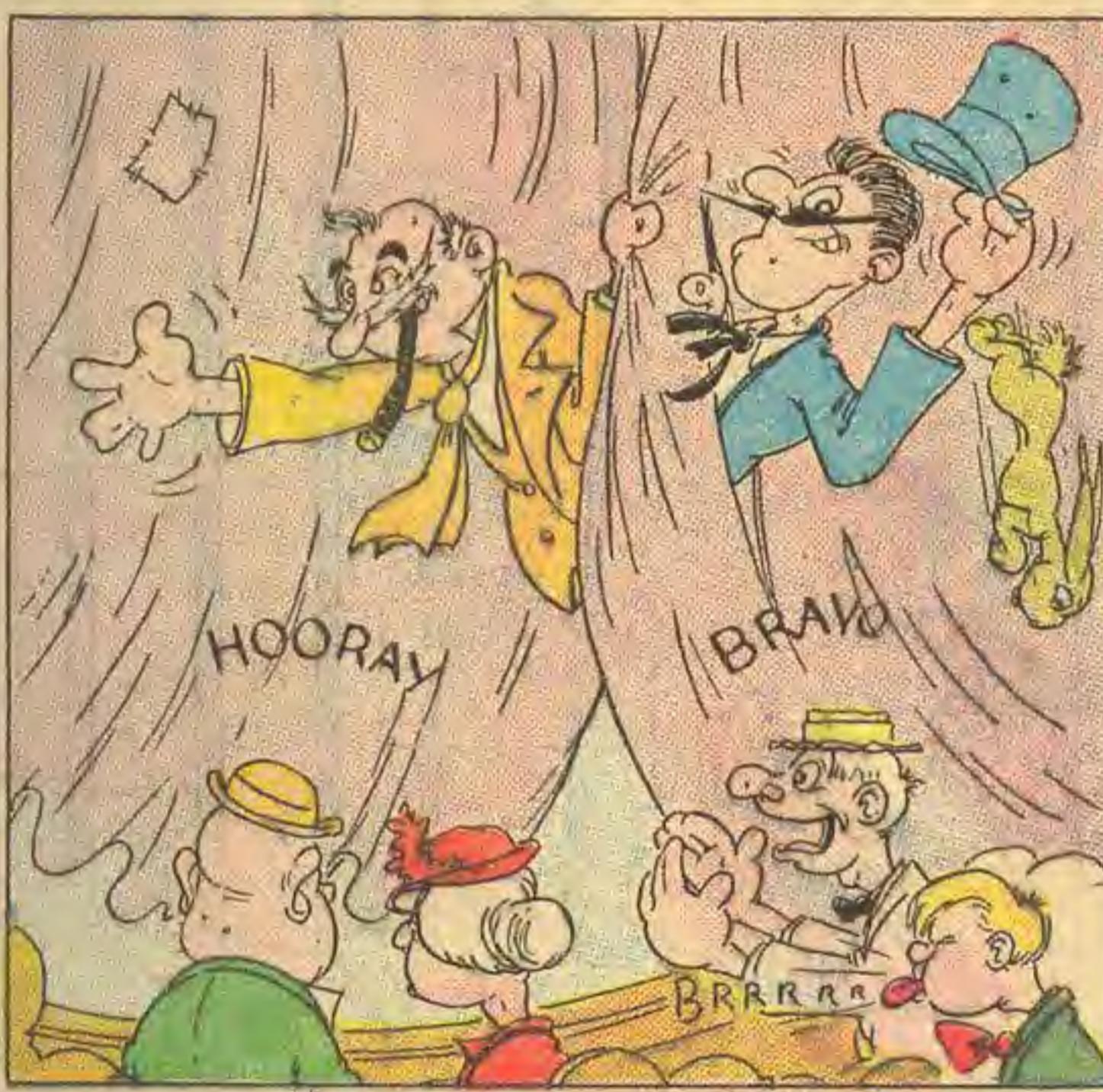
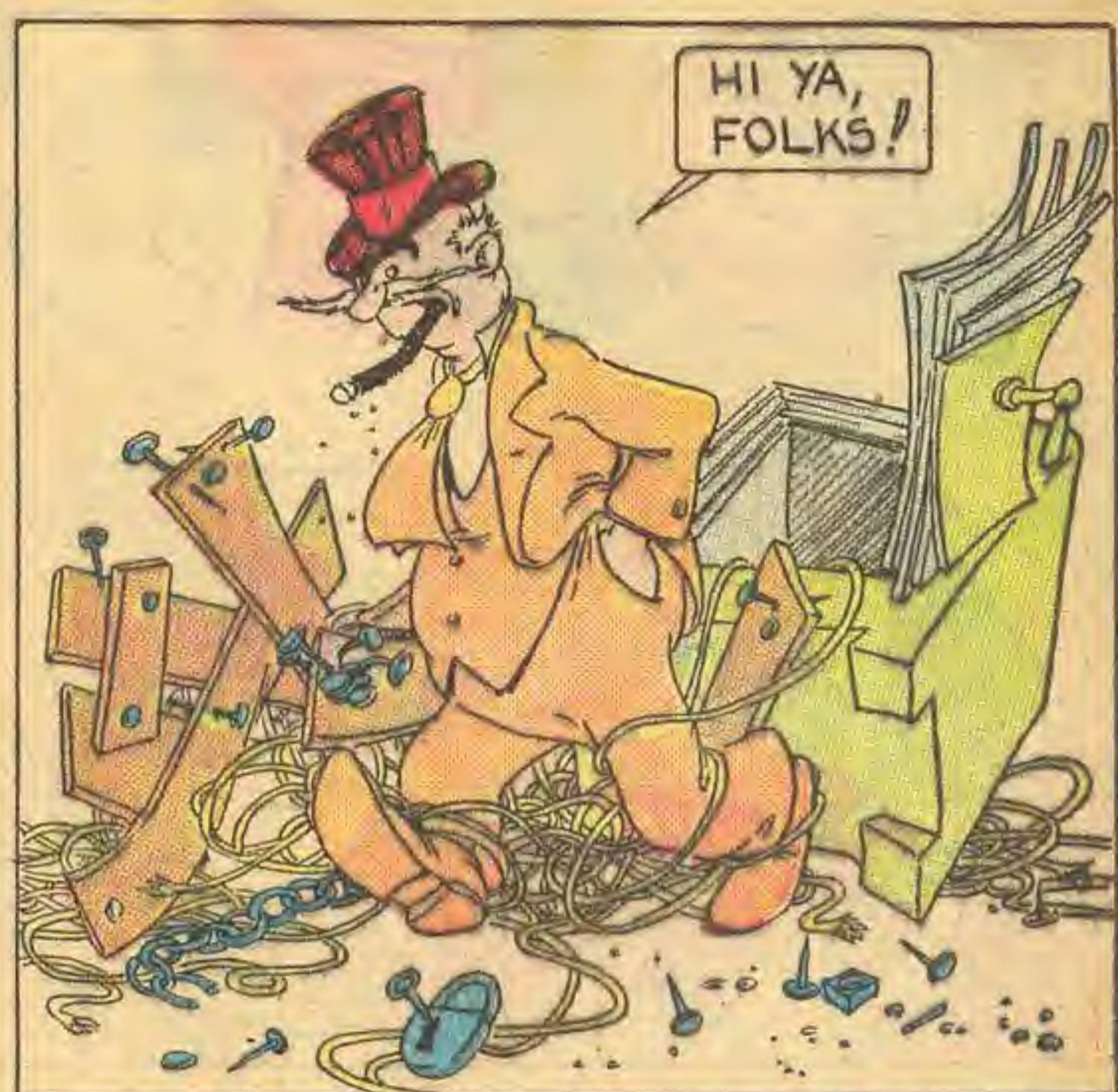
AND OWING TO THEIR BRAVERY

SO MANY LIVES ARE SPARED.

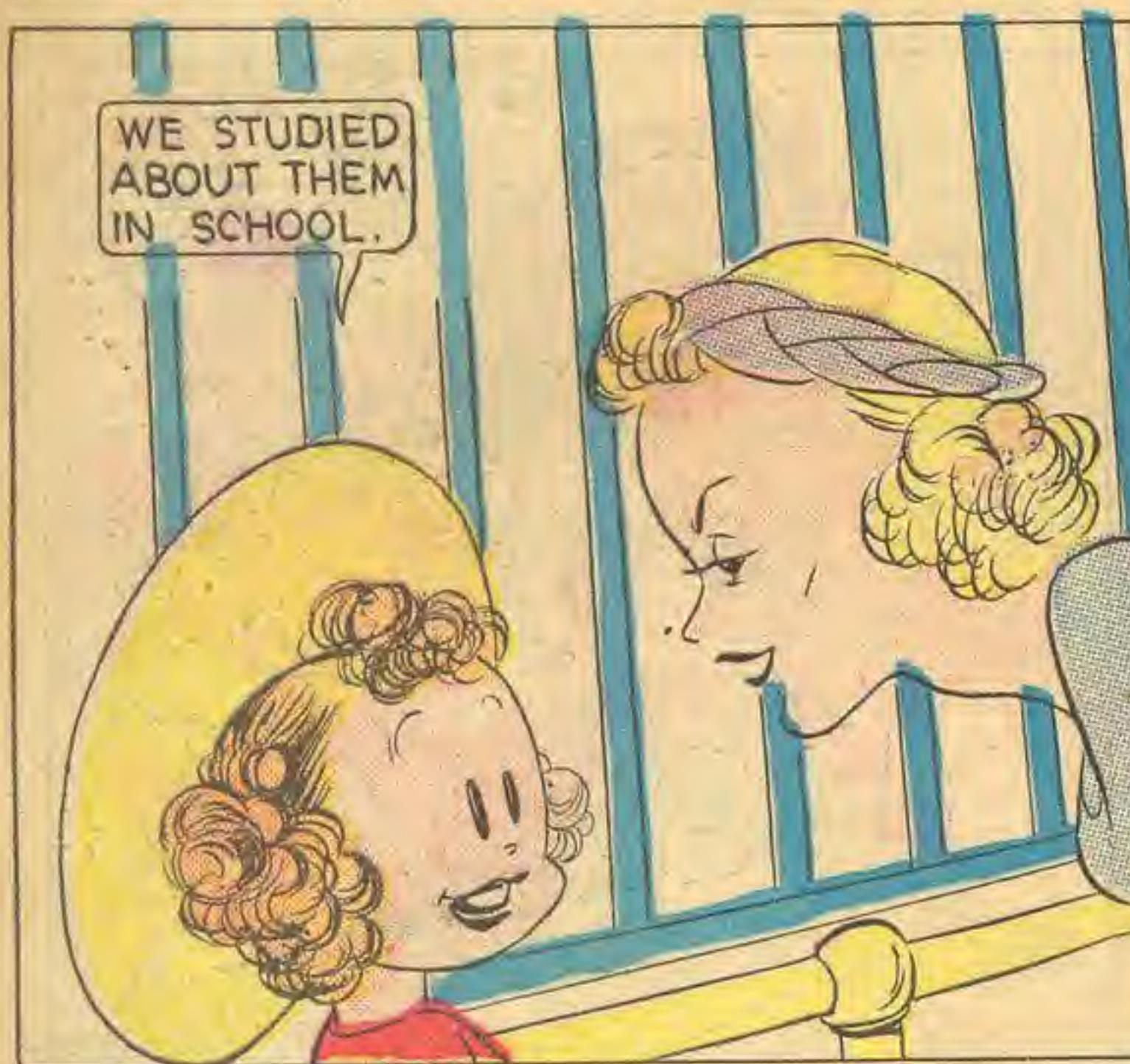
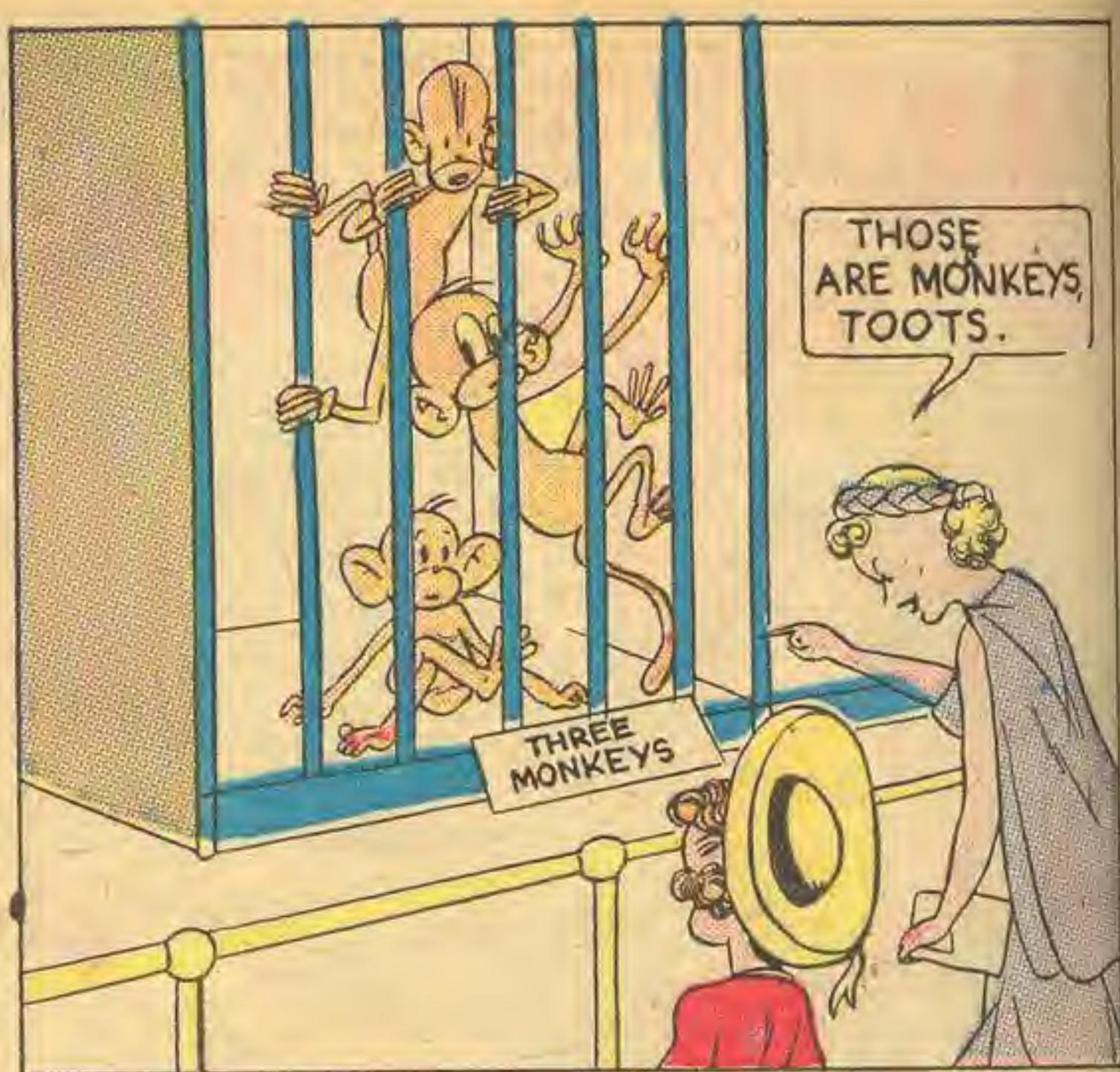


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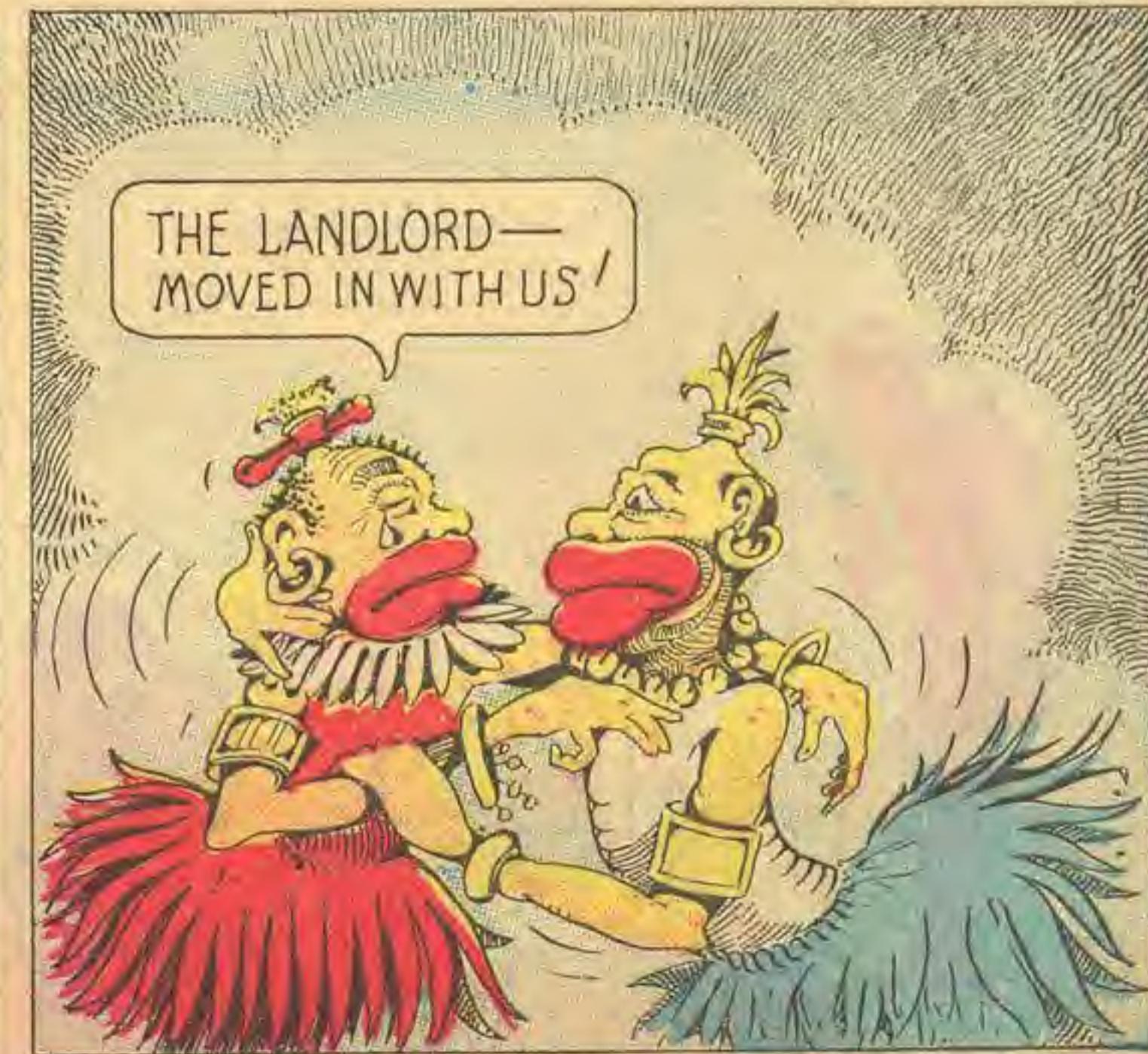
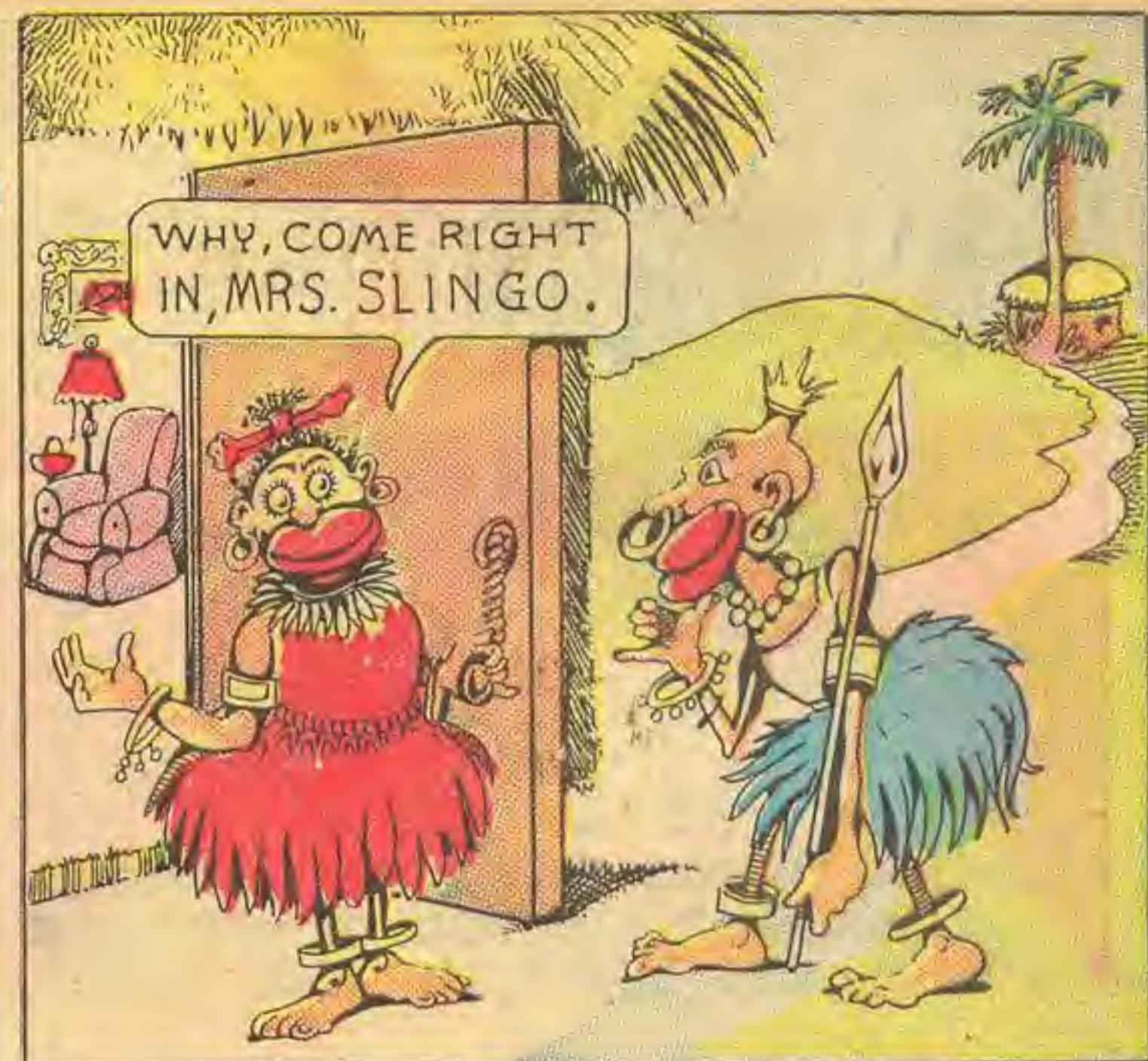
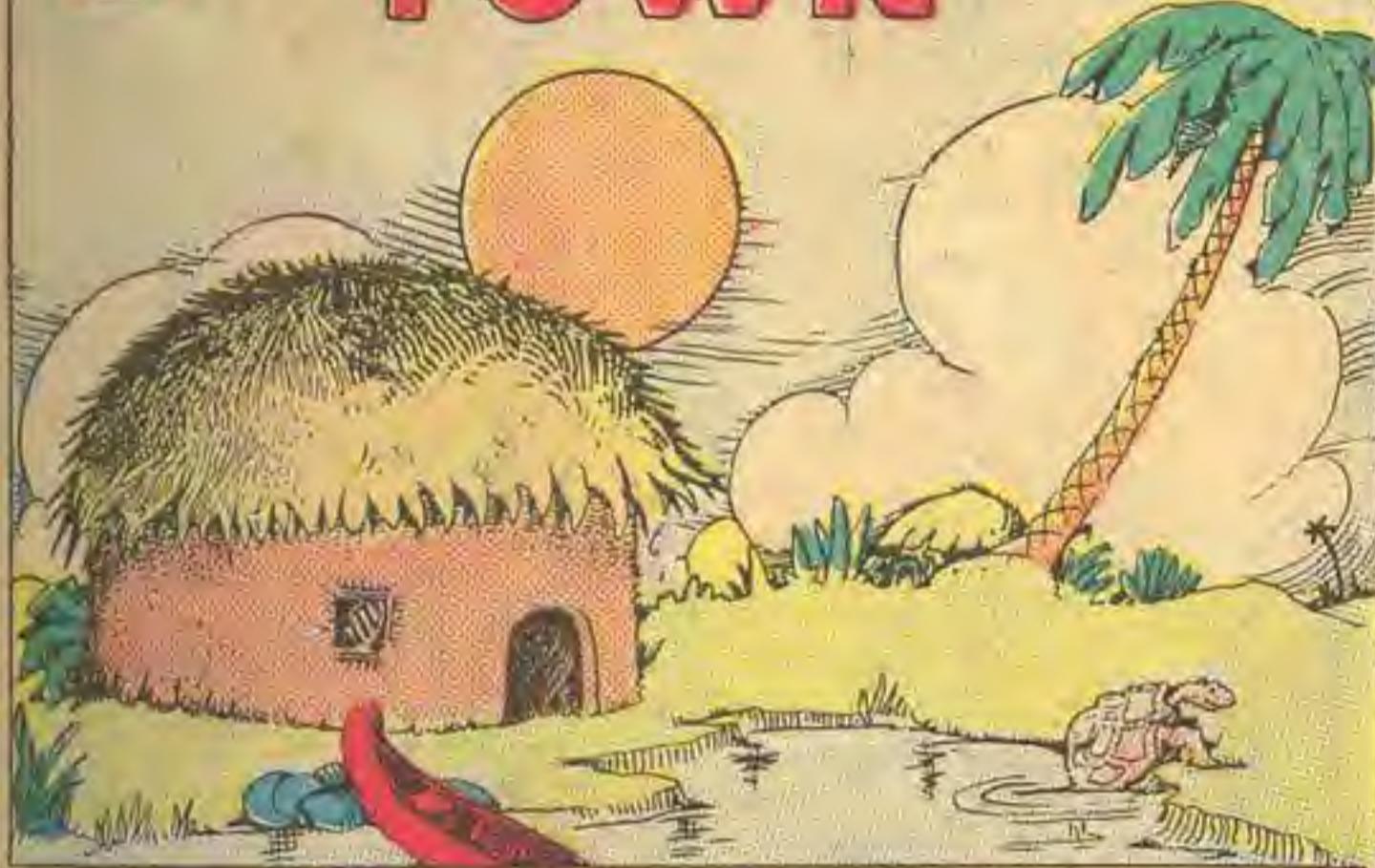




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Jungle Town



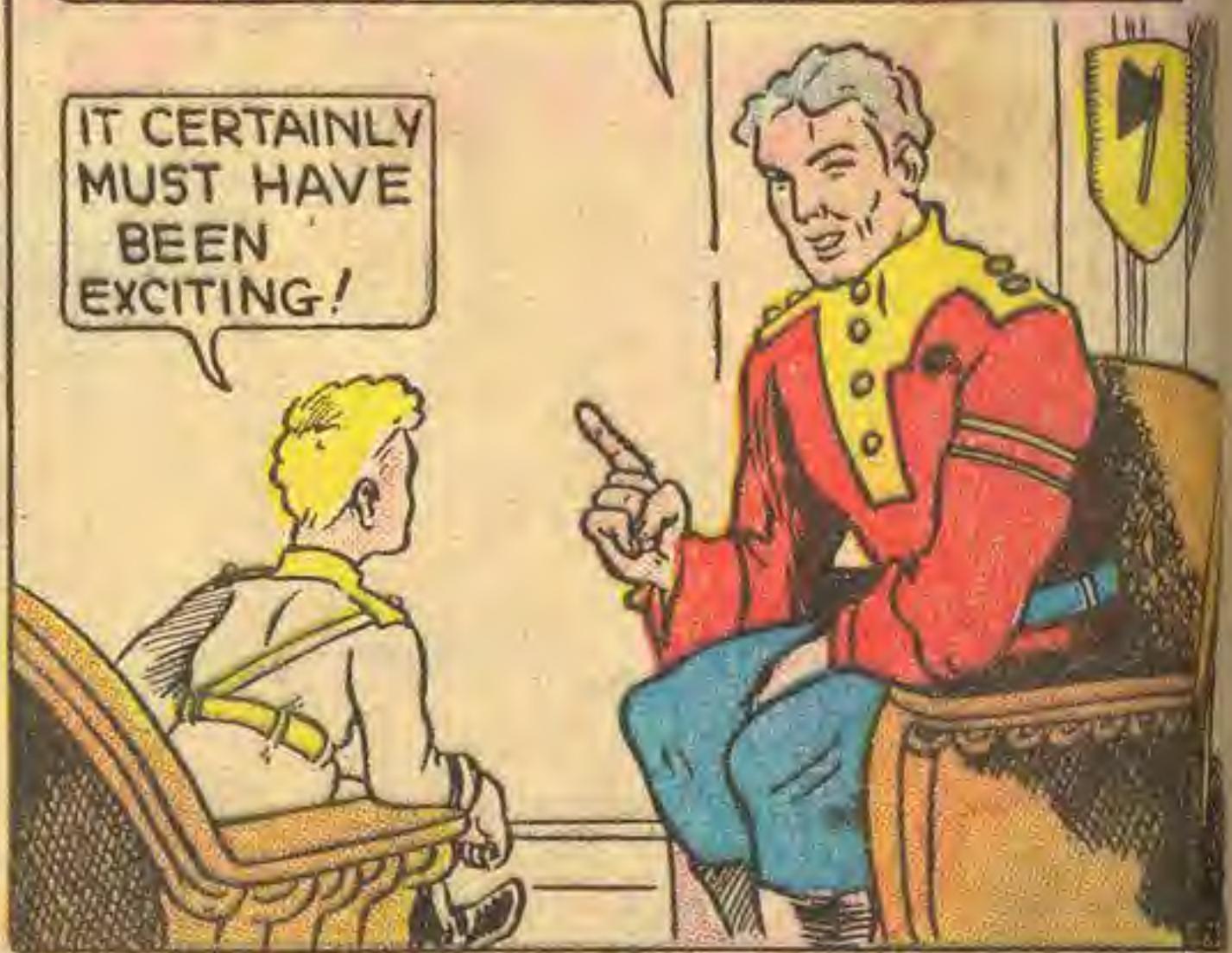
HIS HIGHNESS



ON THE THRONE OF KASPIANA, REMOTE AND ANCIENT KINGDOM OF NORTHERN EUROPE, SITS LOUIS, THE BOY KING.

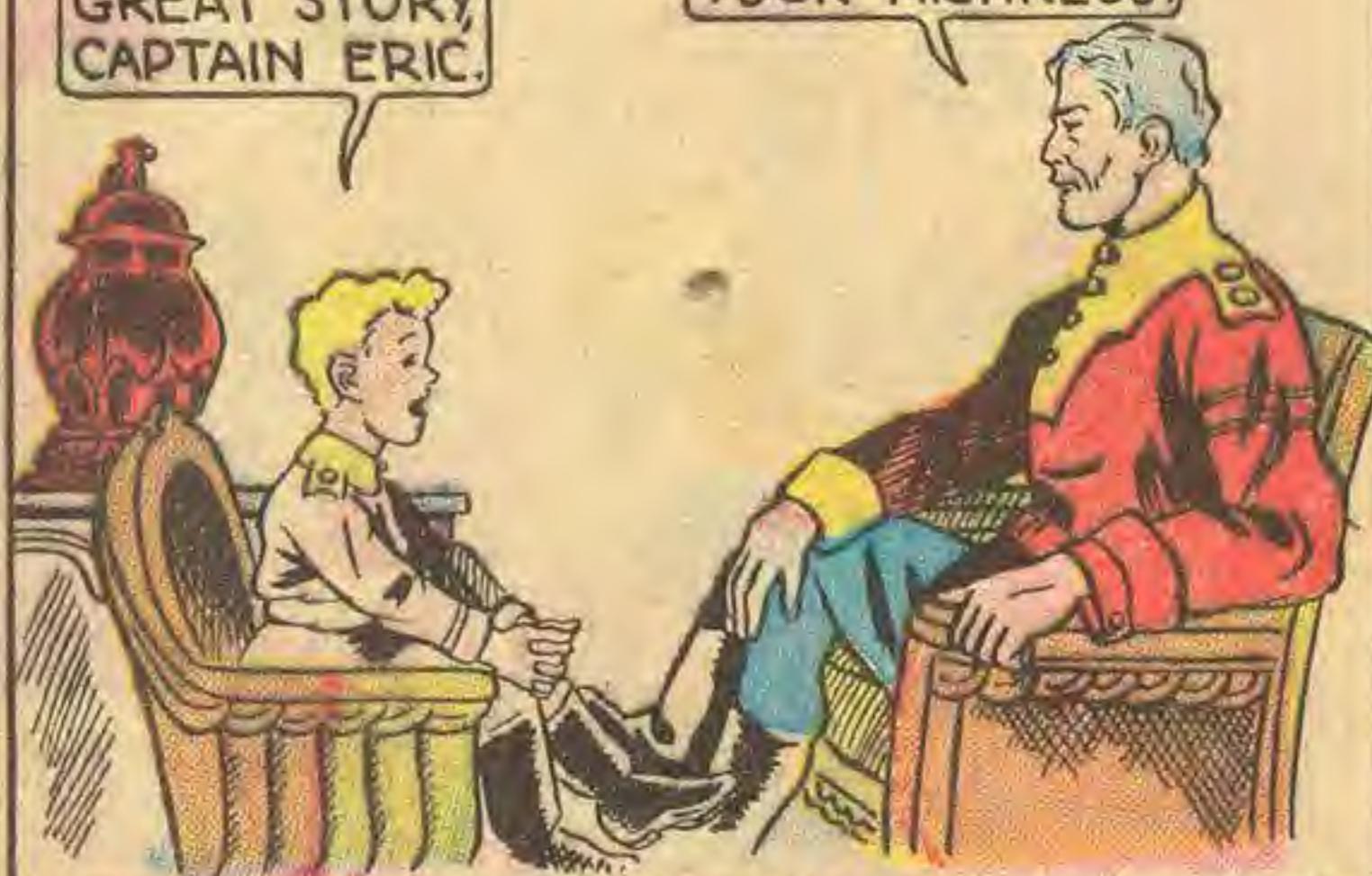
AND WITH THE ENEMY SO CLOSE, EVERY MOMENT DRAWING NEARER, BRINGING DEATH WITH THEM, THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT OPEN FIRE!

IT CERTAINLY MUST HAVE BEEN EXCITING!



THAT WAS A GREAT STORY, CAPTAIN ERIC.

THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.



ERIC HAGERT, CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S GUARD, OVERSEER OF THE MILITARY, IS THE IDOL OF THE YOUNG KING.

A KING'S LIFE IS A LONELY ONE, YOUR HIGHNESS, BUT YOU MUST LEARN TO BE A GOOD KING.

BUT THEY MAKE ME FEEL SO LONELY. WHY CAN'T I HAVE COMPANIONS?



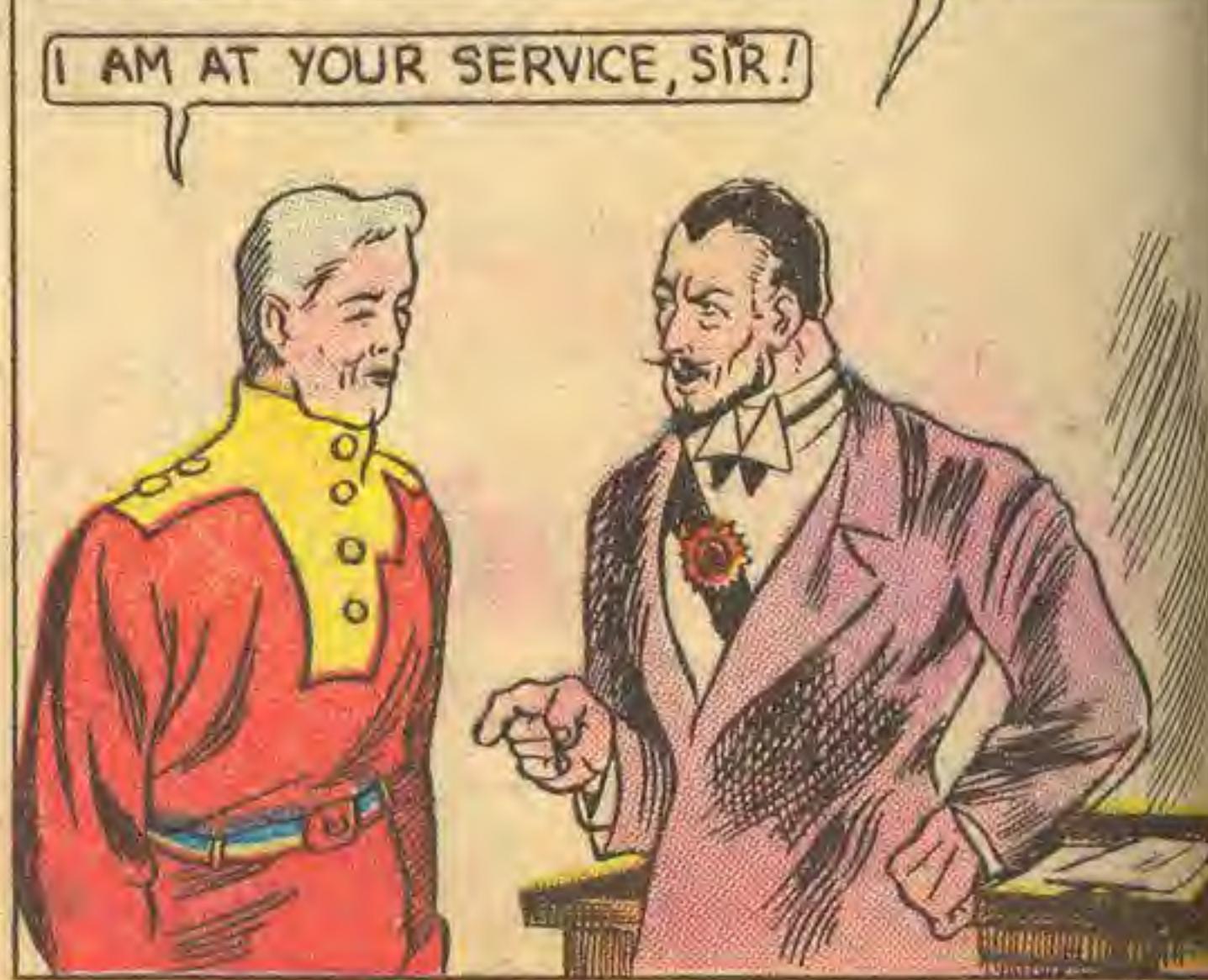
YOUR HIGHNESS, CHANCELLOR VON STRUMEN ASKS YOUR PARDON FOR THIS INTRUSION AND BEGS TO SEE CAPTAIN HAGERT.

YOU MAY GO, CAPTAIN ERIC.

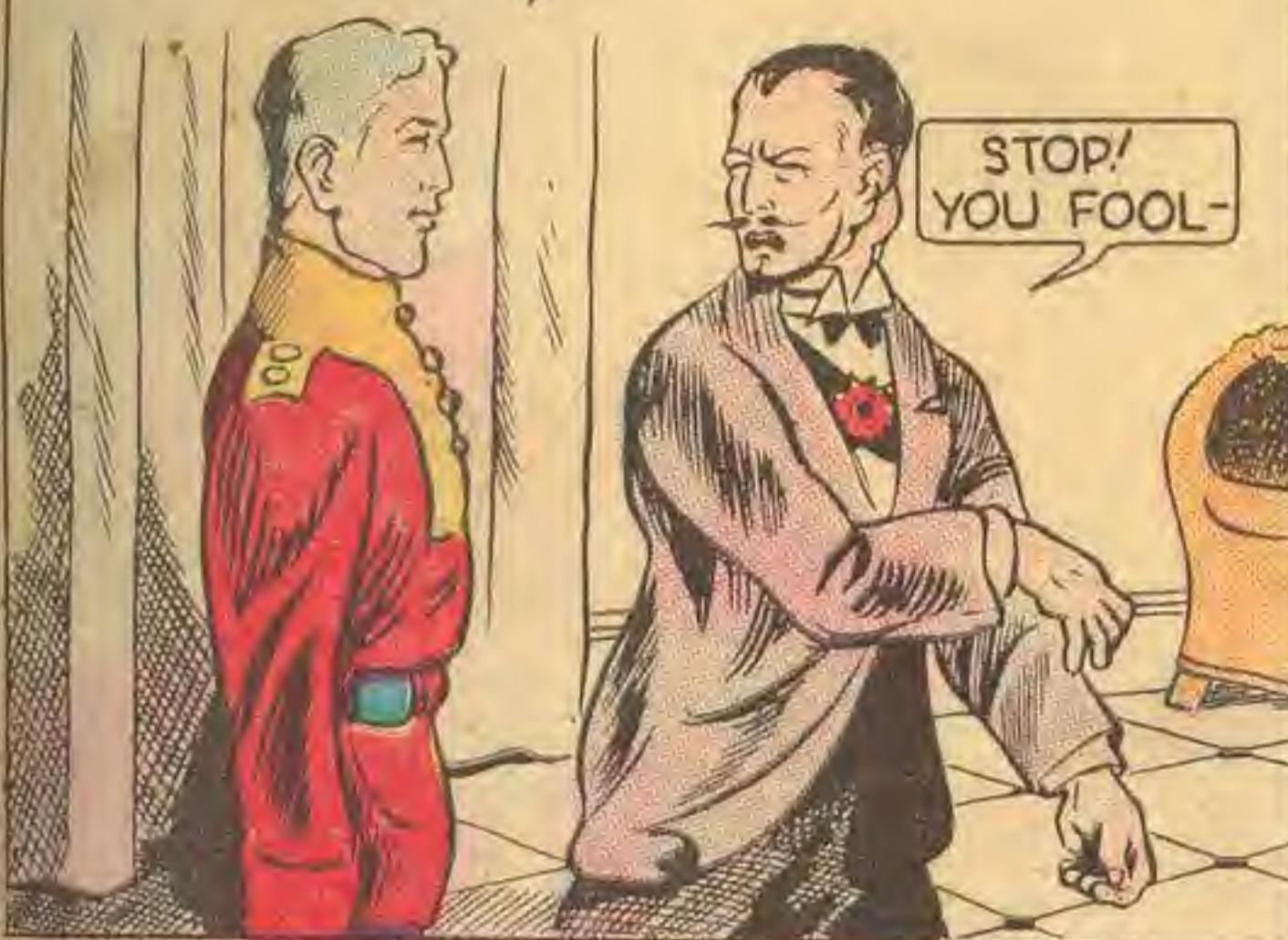


I HAVE REPORTS OF SERIOUS RIOTING OUTSIDE THE HOME OF THE TAX DEPUTY. SUCH UNREST MUST BE QUELLED AT ONCE.

I AM AT YOUR SERVICE, SIR!



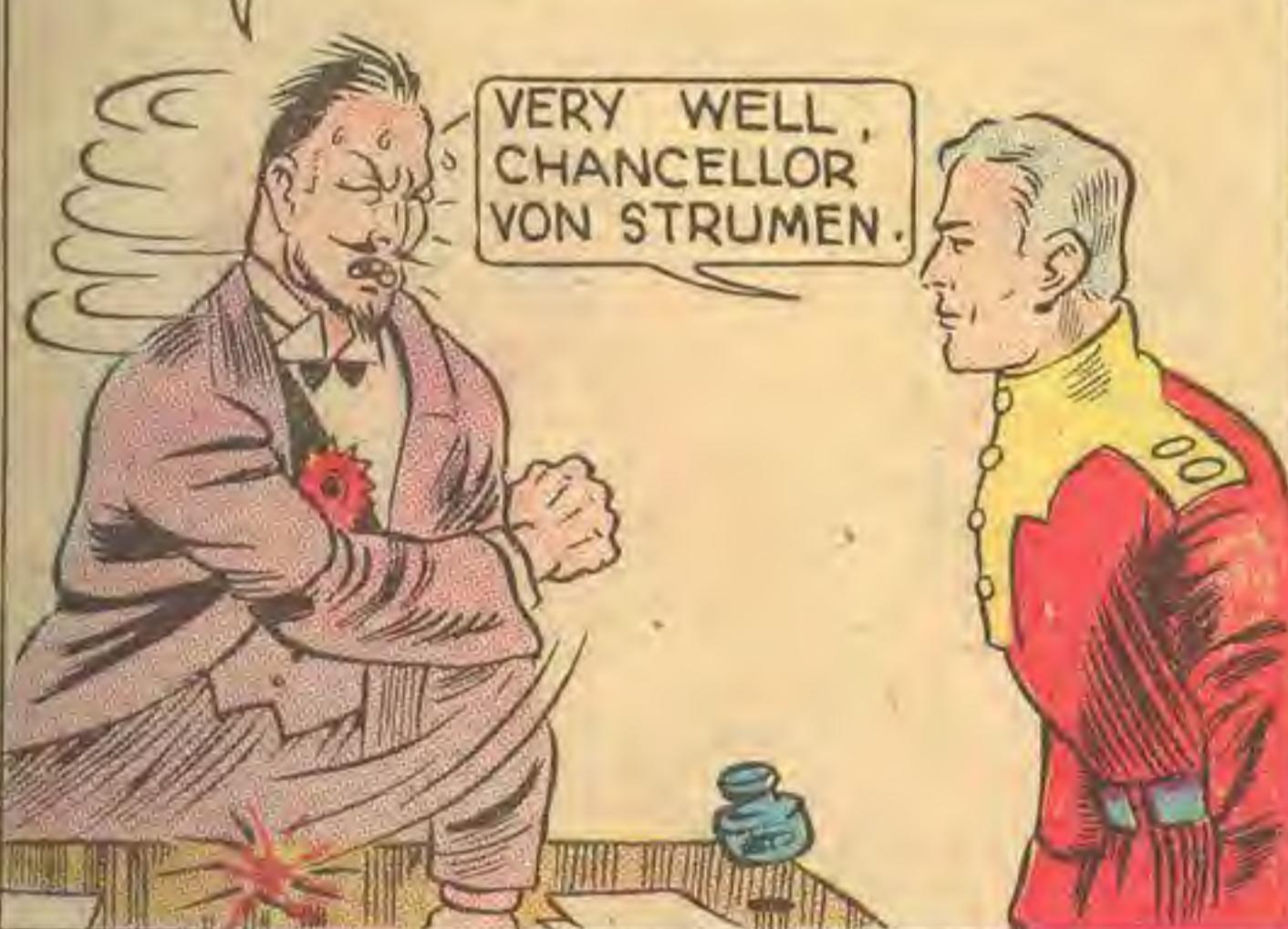
I MIGHT SUGGEST, SIR, THAT THE PEOPLE ARE SORELTY BURDENED BY TAXATION - AND THAT THERE IS MUCH RESENTMENT.



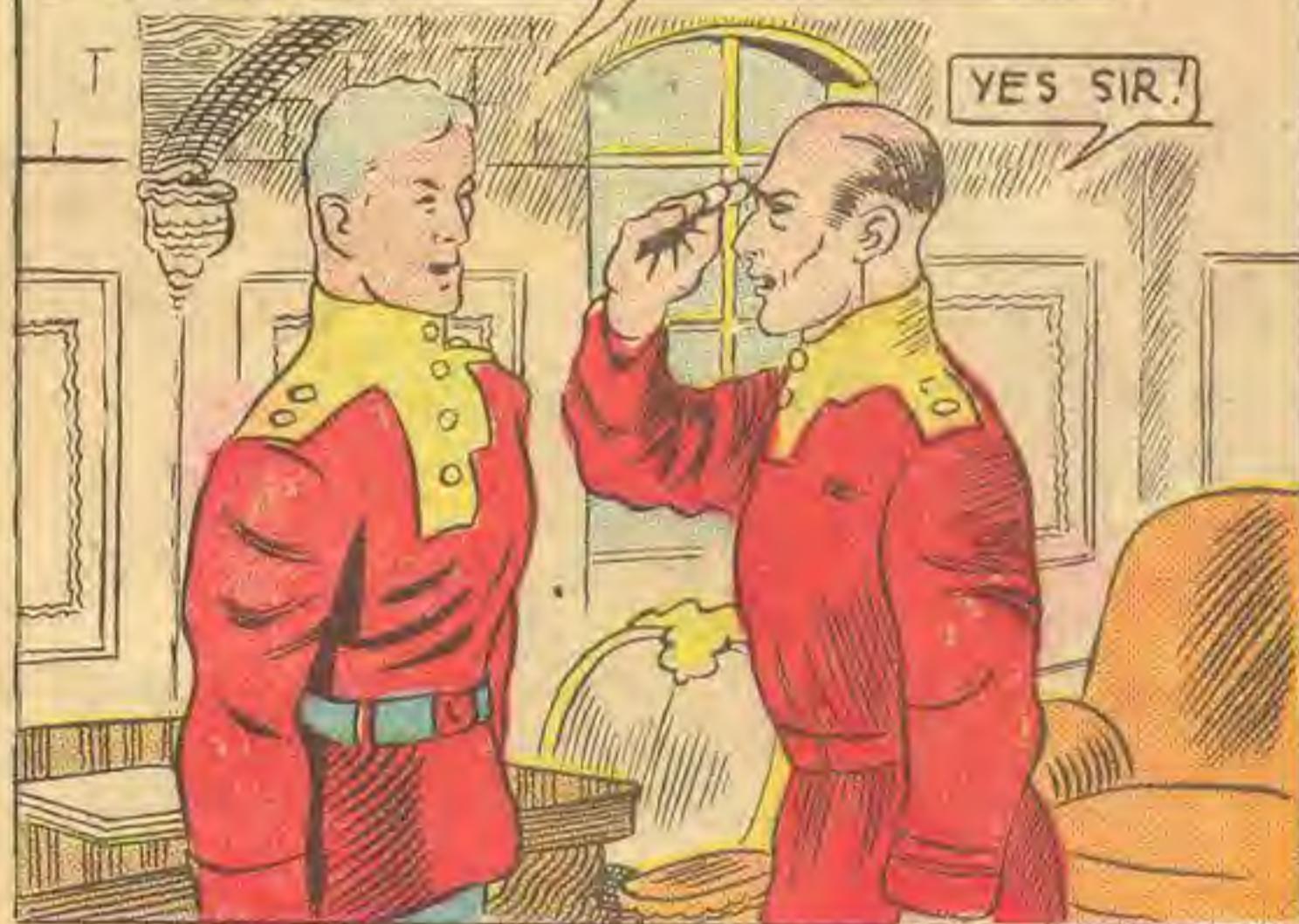
THE WAY TO QUELL REVOLT IS TO BURDEN THE SCUM WITH WORK AND MORE WORK AND TAXATION UNTIL THEY STARVE!



I DID NOT ASK YOUR OPINION! GO AT ONCE, SIR, OR I SHALL HAVE YOU THROWN INTO PRISON WITHOUT TRAIL!



THERE IS RIOTING IN THE TOWN. IT MUST BE STOPPED. I WILL GO WITH YOU, LIEUTENANT STRUTT.



RUTHLESSLY THE SOLDIERS ATTACK THE RIOTING MOB.



UNABLE TO SEE SUCH SLAUGHTER OF UNARMED PEASANTS GOING ON, ERIC GIVES A COMMAND ---



WHEN I GAVE YOU THE ORDER, I DID NOT INTEND YOU TO DIRECT MURDER OF HELPLESS PEOPLE!

THEY SEEMED VIOLENT,
SIR!



I'LL LEAVE YOU IN COMMAND.
KEEP THEM QUIET, BUT NO FIRING—!

YES, SIR.



--STARVATION--TAXES--MORE STARVATION!
I SAY DOWN WITH THE KING!

DOWN WITH
THE KING!

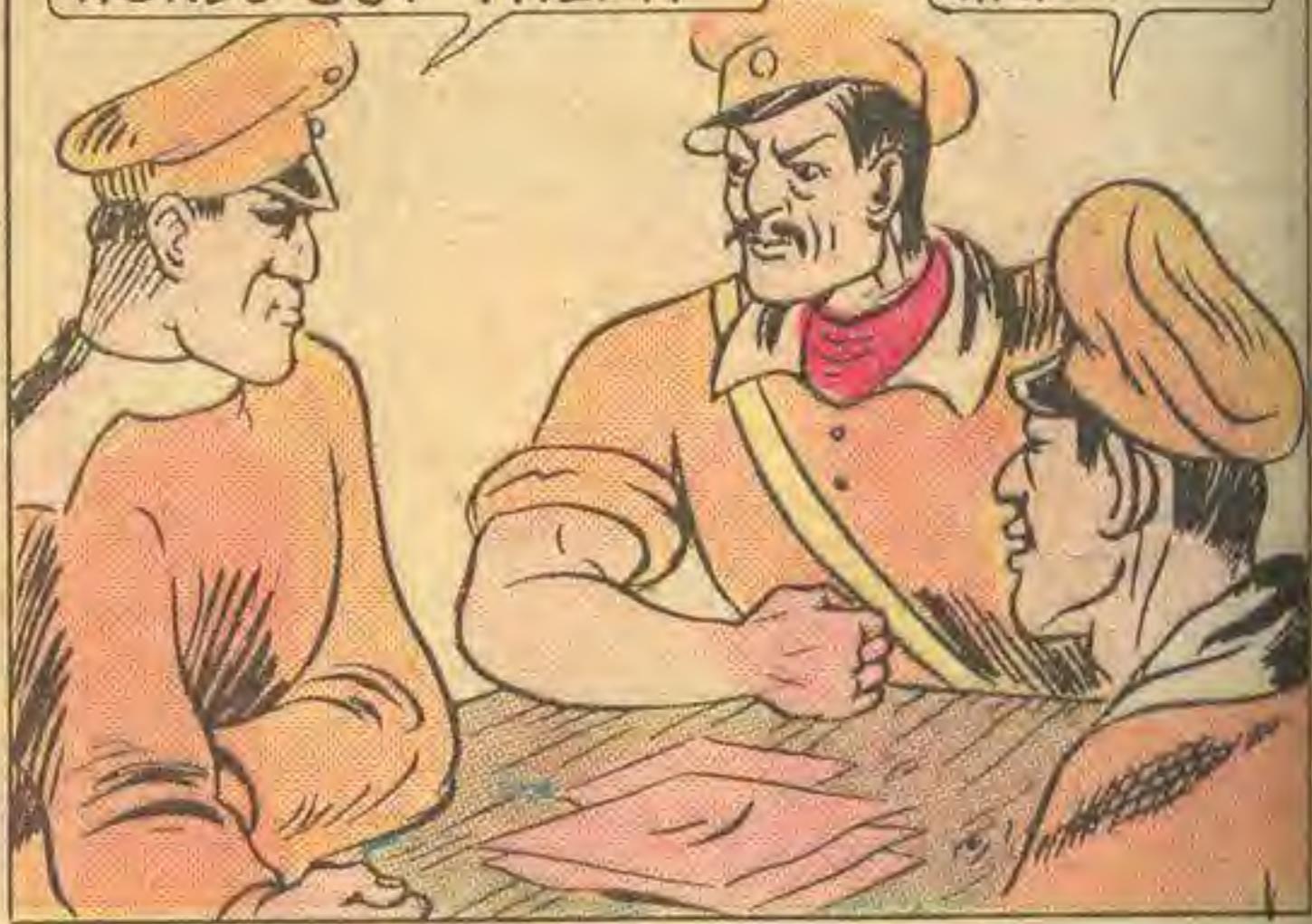
HURRAH FOR
KRIS LOPEZ!

WHILE THE RIOTS TAKE THE ATTENTION OF THE ARMY, KRIS LOPEZ, LEADER OF A REVOLUTION, RAISES PUBLIC OPINION TO INDIGNANT FRENZY.

WE HAVE PUBLIC OPINION WITH US NOW!

YES, LOPEZ. YOUR FINE WORDS GOT THEM!

NOW WHAT IS THE BEST WAY - ?

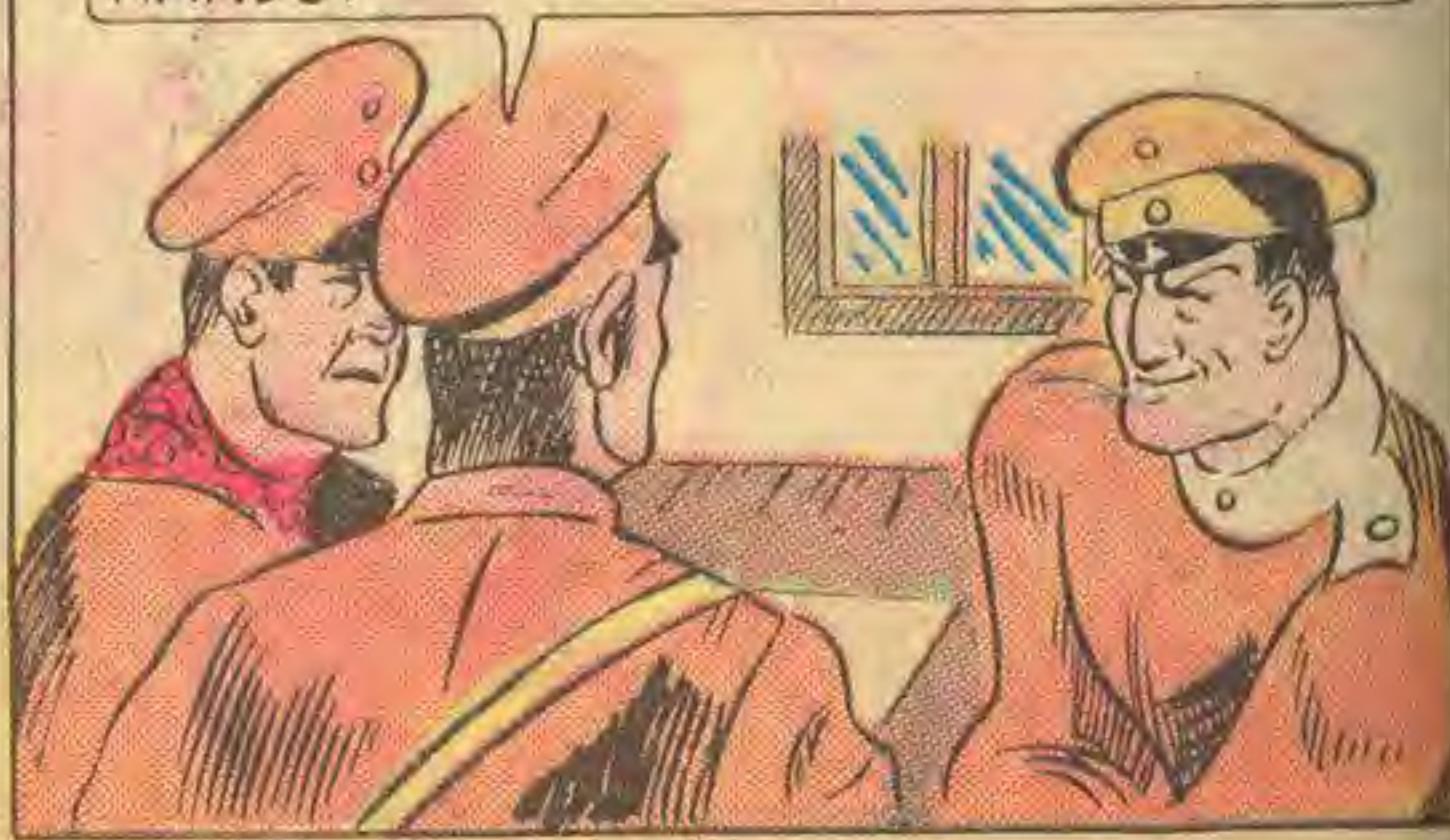


LOOK NOW-FIRST WE CAPTURE THE KID KING--THAT THROWS THE ARMY INTO PANIC. THEY START DOWN ON US..



KRIS IS RIGHT--AND WHEN THE KING IS IN OUR POWER-

WHEN THE GUARD LEAVES THE PALACE GROUNDS, WE STRIKE!--TAKE OVER THE ARSENAL! ALL KASPIANA SHALL BE IN OUR HANDS!



SERGEANT OF THE GUARDS, YOU ARE TO KEEP HIS HIGHNESS EVER IN YOUR SIGHT. I FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY!



YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THOUGHT OF WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING LONESOME AND HAVE ORDERED ONE OF YOUR GUARDS AS COMPANION.



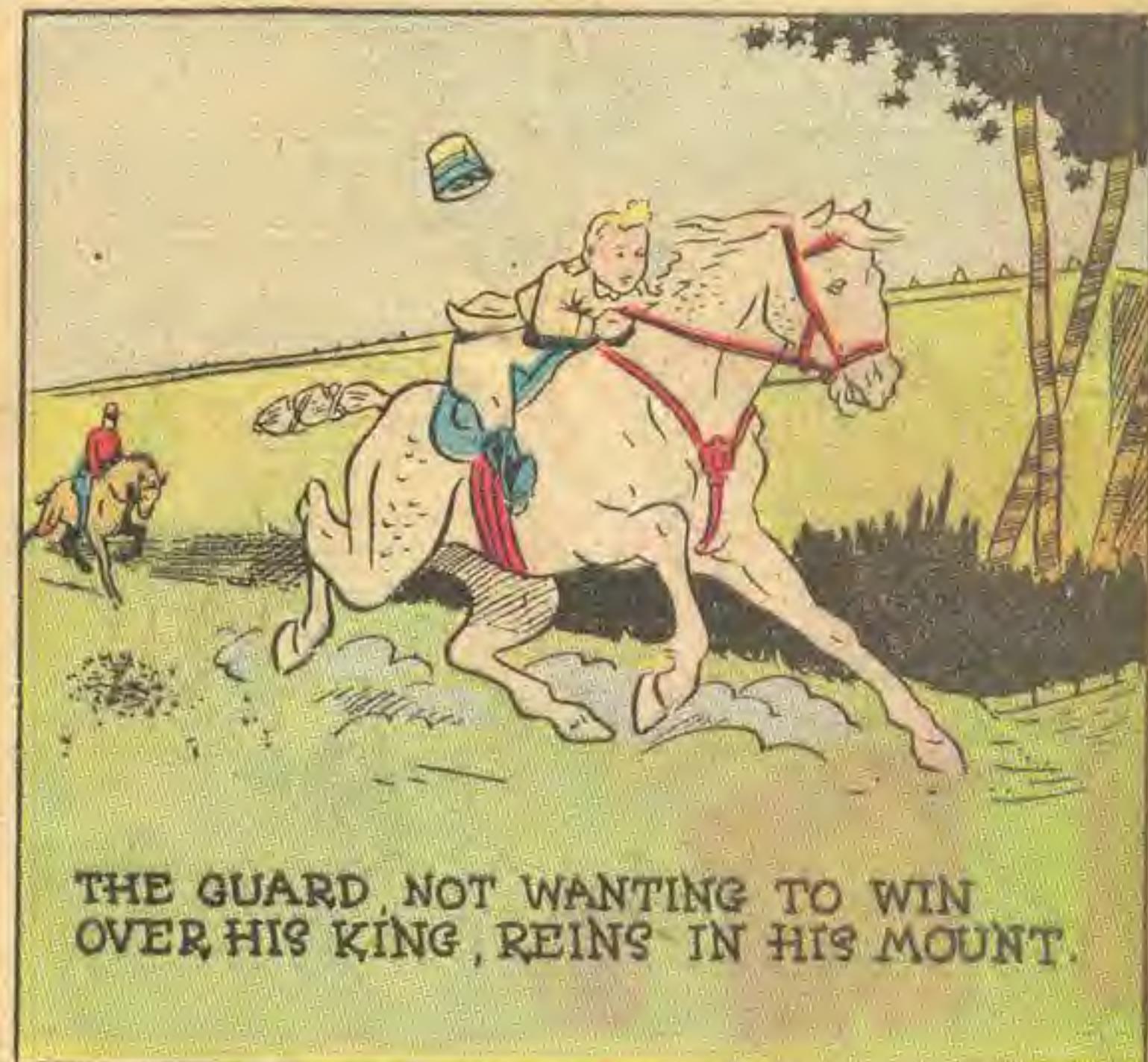
ERIC RETURNS TO THE PALACE. FEARFUL OF AN UPRISING, HE ORDERS A STRICT GUARD OVER THE YOUNG KING.

ERIC DOES NOT TELL LOUIS THE REAL REASON FOR HIS APPOINTING A BODYGUARD.

IT'S FUN HAVING SOMEONE WITH ME! AND SAY--I'LL BEAT YOU AROUND THE BRIDLE PATH.



VERY WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS.



THE GUARD, NOT WANTING TO WIN OVER HIS KING, REINS IN HIS MOUNT.

THE GUARD IS FAR BEHIND NOW. I'LL GIVE HIM A SCARE!



LOUIS DISMOUNTS, SENDING HIS HORSE OFF ALONE.



LOOK YOU! ISN'T THAT THE KING?

YOUR RIGHT! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

WHILE OUTSIDE THE WALL TWO REVOLUTIONARIES WATCH.

THERE! THAT'LL KEEP HIM QUIET FOR A WHILE!

SHUT UP YOU BRAT!

HELP!

SO YOU'VE GOT HIM! THEN OUR FIRST STEP HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL!

WE ONLY KNOCKED HIM OUT. YOU CAN FINISH HIM OFF!

CAPTAIN HAGERT! CHANCELLOR! HE'S GONE! THE KING IS GONE - I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE

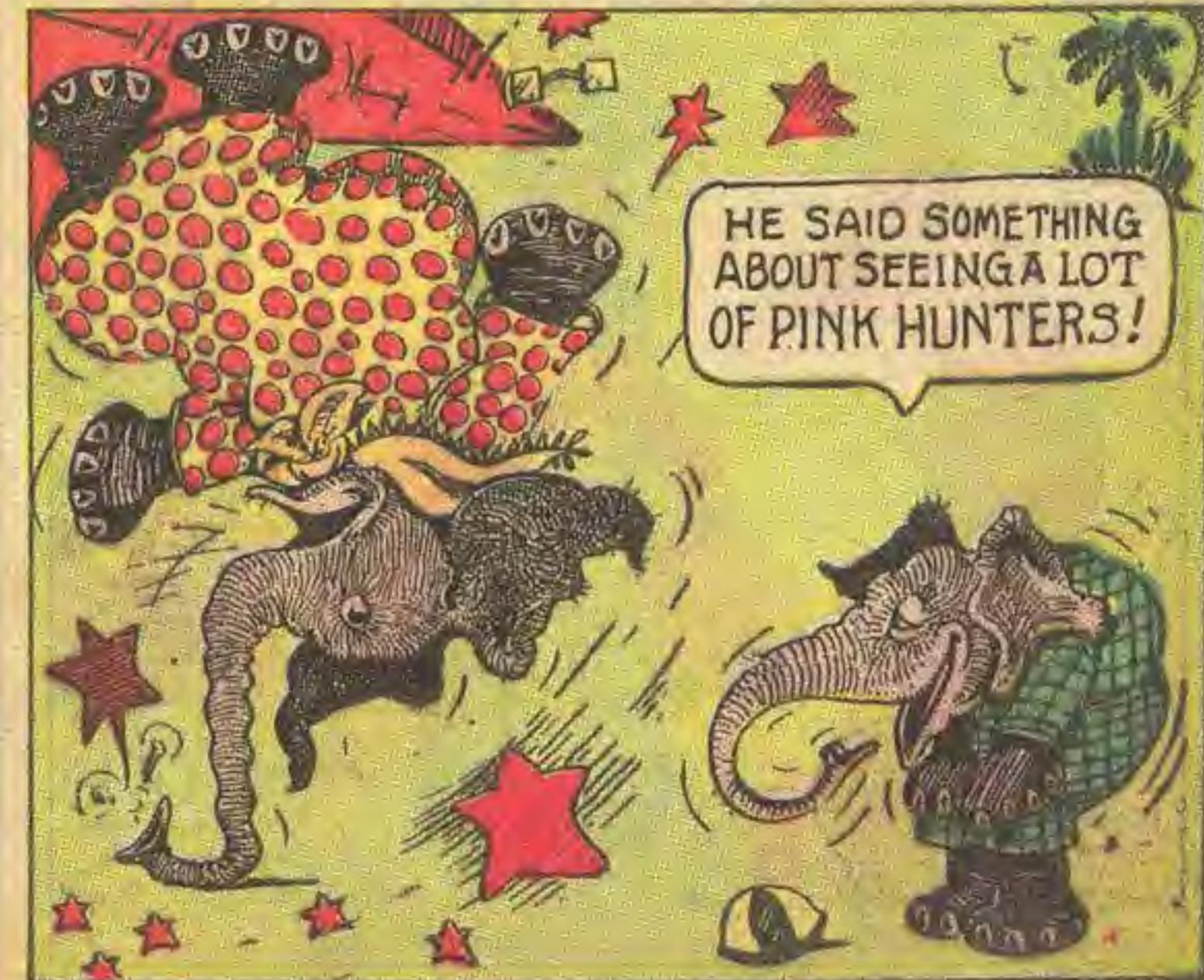
WHAT - BUT I -

LINDER MAHN

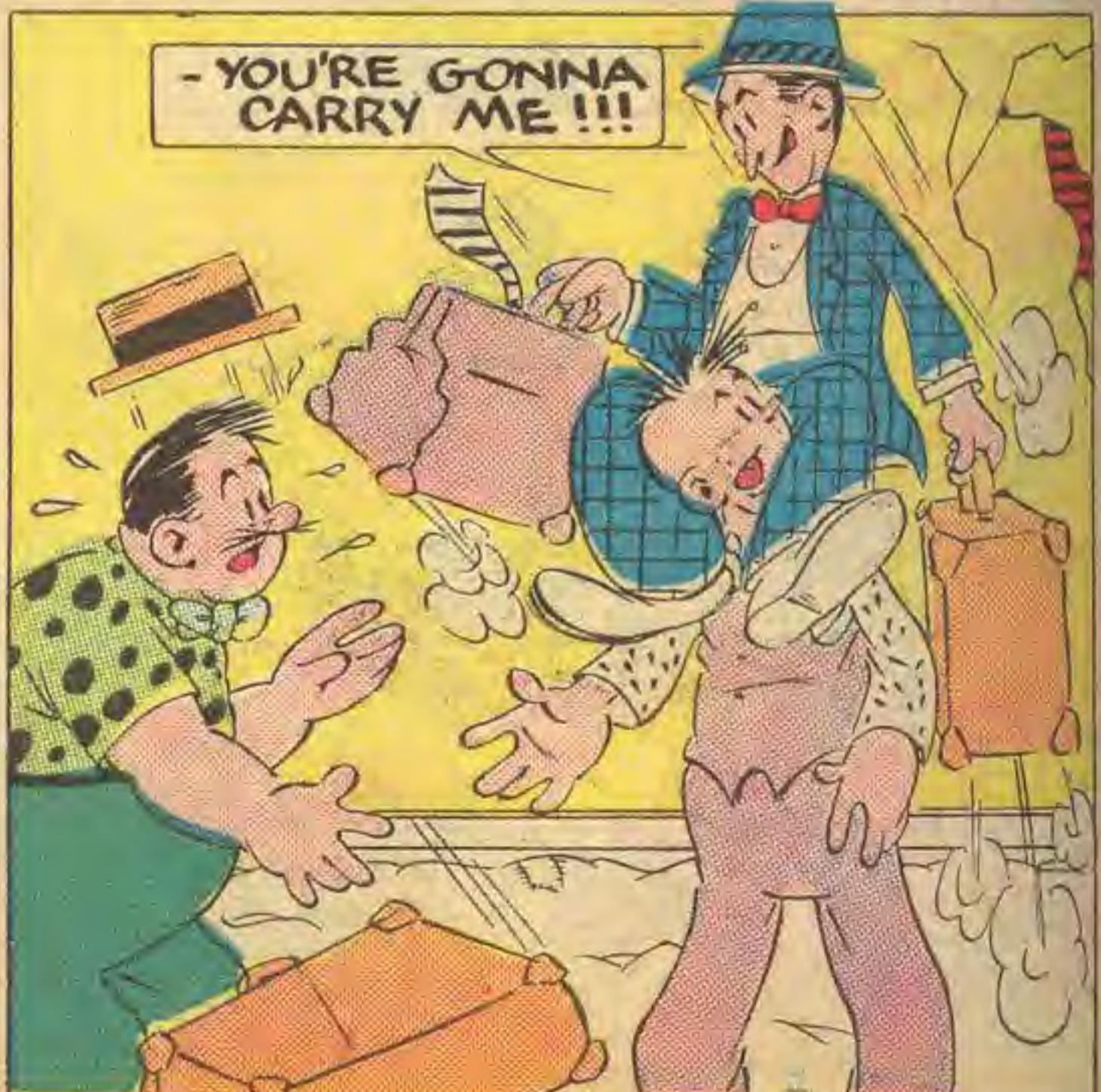
YOU'LL FIND HIM, YOU FOOLS, OR IT'LL COST YOU YOUR LIVES! ORDER OUT THE ARMY AT ONCE! SEARCH THE ENTIRE CITY!

VON STRUMEN KNOWS THE LOSS OF THE KING MEANS THE LOSS OF HIS POWER, BUT WILL THEY FIND LOUIS-- ALIVE?

'SCHOOL DAZE'



SLIPPERY SAMI



Empire Builders

LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK,
AND PERSISTENT DEVOTION
DEVELOPED THE TALKING
MACHINE.



THOMAS A EDISON

1847 — 1931



THE SAME ENERGY
OF THIS MASTER
MIND PRODUCED
THE ELECTRIC
LIGHT BULB.

THESE TWO GREAT INVENTIONS
DID MORE TO LIFT THE POOR
MAN'S STANDARD OF LIVING THAN
ANY SIMILAR INVENTION IN MAN'S
HISTORY.



THEY BROUGHT LIGHT AND MUSIC INTO
HIS HOME, BROUGHT COMFORT, ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION TO FARMER
AND FACTORY HAND ALIKE. MORE THAN
TWO MILLION TALKING MACHINES A
YEAR, WERE PRODUCED, GIVING GREATER EMPLOY-
MENT TO THOUSANDS, WHILE BETTER LIGHTING
FACILITIES SPED PRODUCTION TO NEW HEIGHTS.
THUS EDISON DID HIS PART IN BUILDING THE
"GREAT AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL EMPIRE".

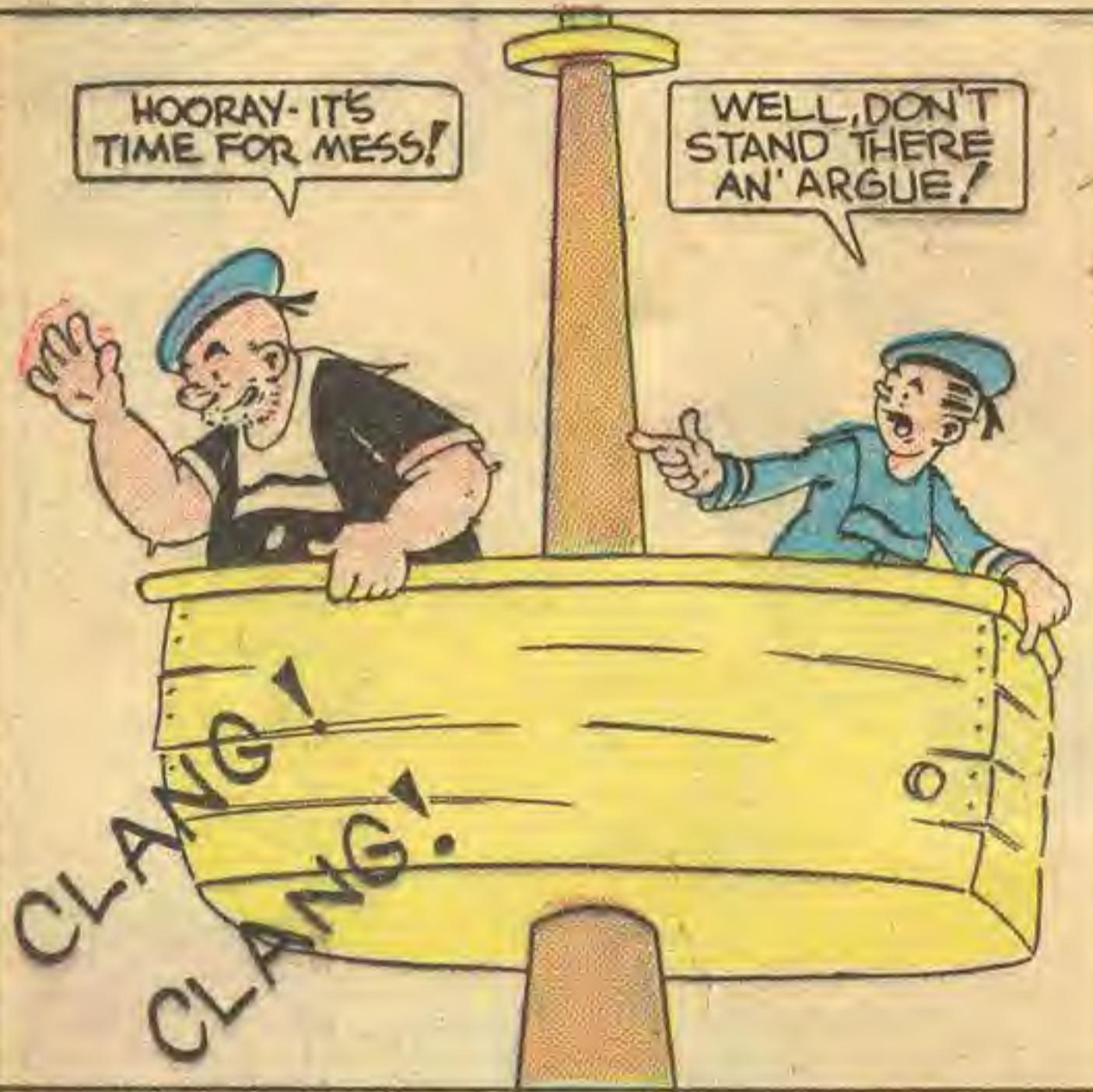
BLOCK and FALL

THEY'RE
ALWAYS
WRONG



WHADDYA
SEE, MATEY?

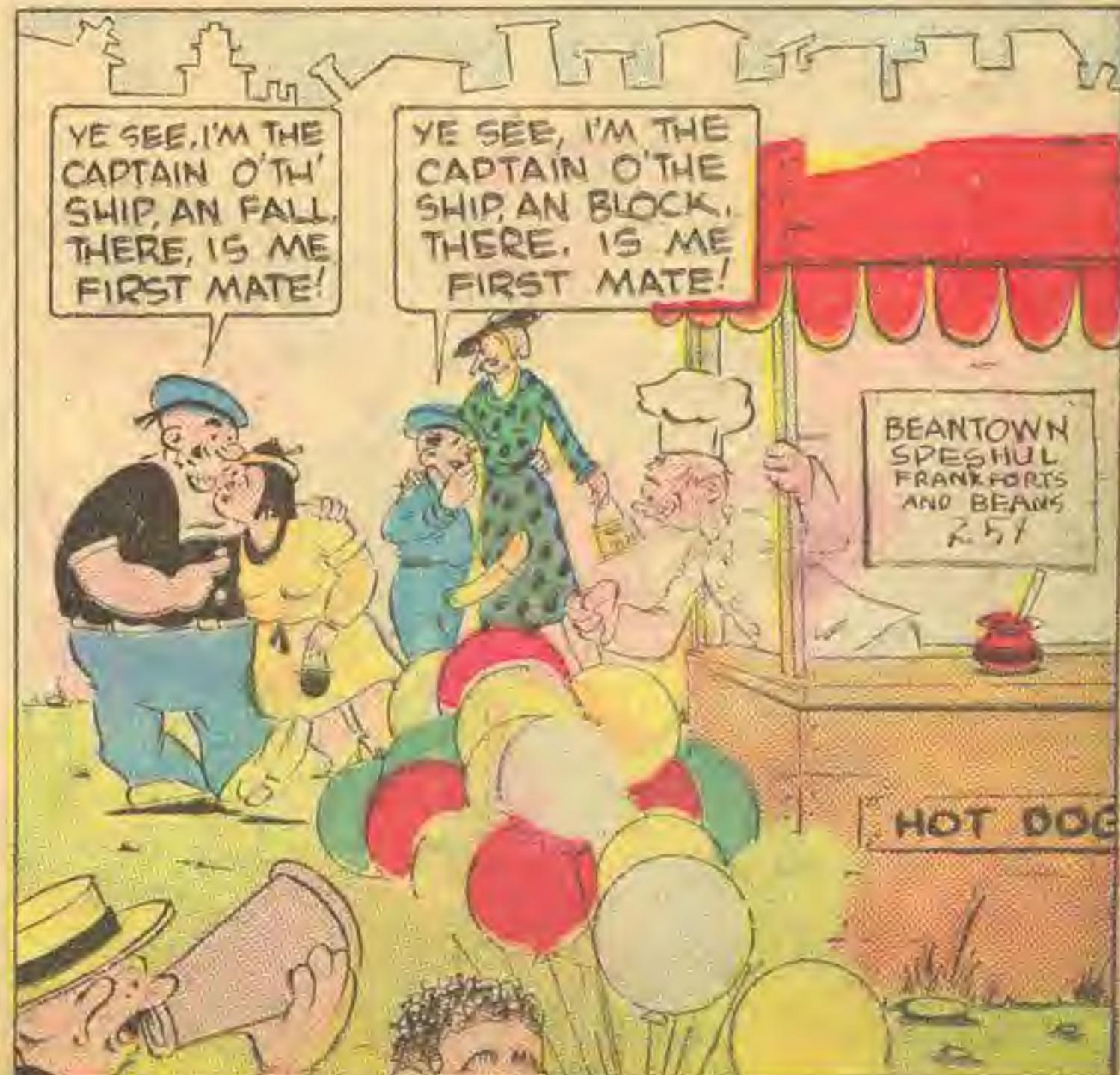
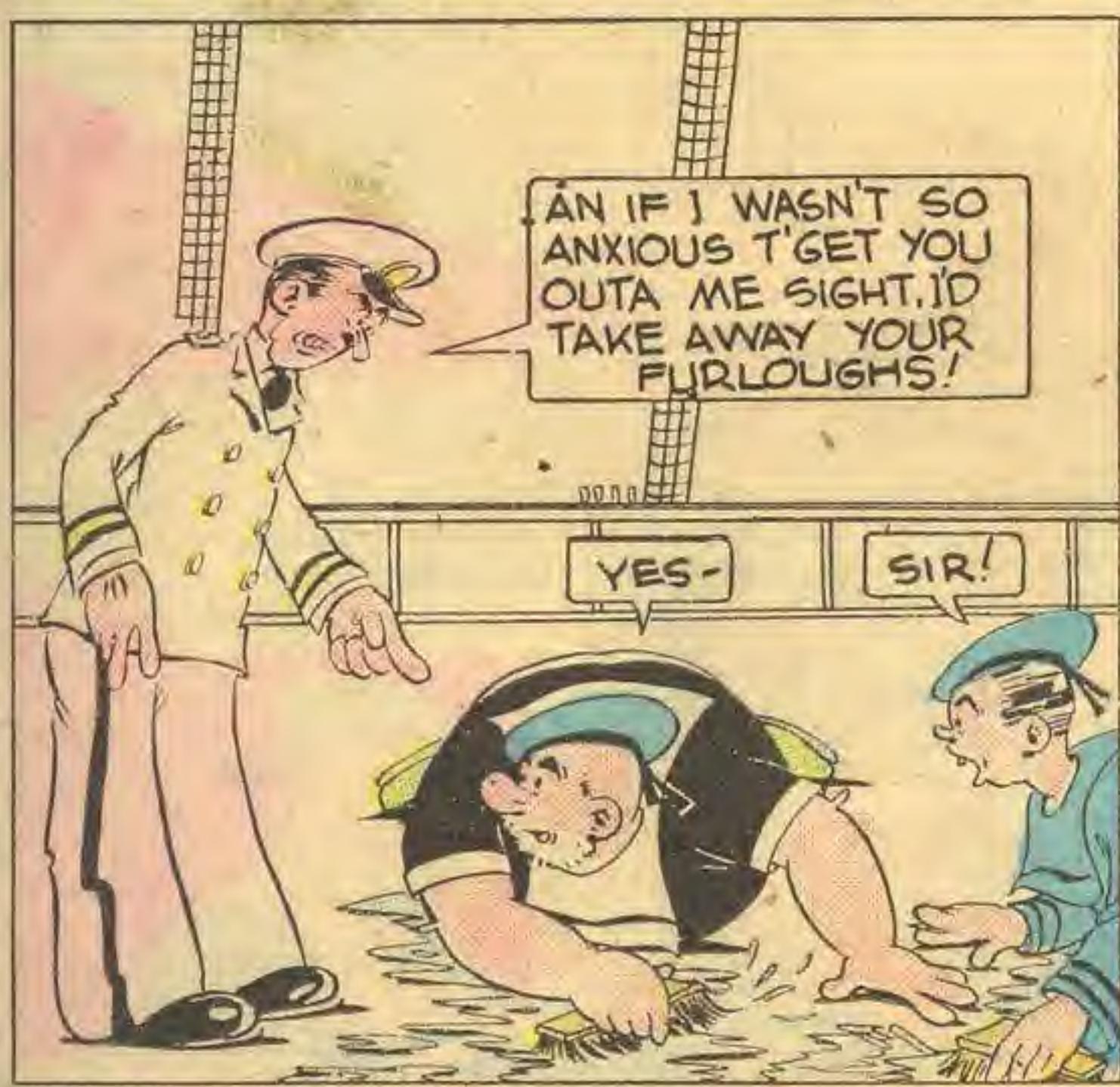
BLAST ME, WELL BE
IN BOSTON BY SUN-
DOWN, AN' I'M BLOWIN'
ME WHOLE MONTH'S
PAY ON A LITTLE
GAL I KNOW!

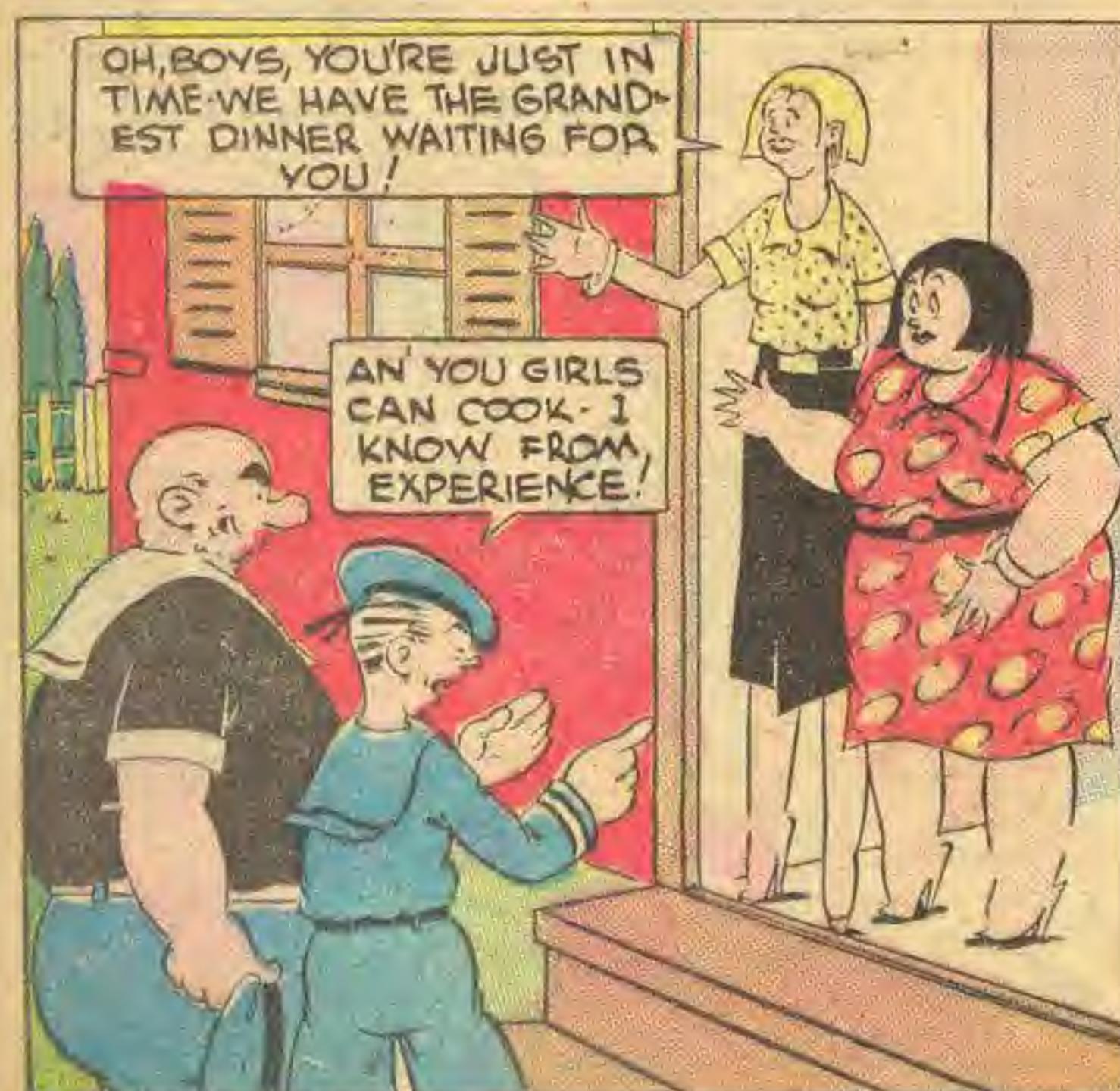


THEY AIN'T NOTHIN'
LIKE HARD WORK
ON THE BRINY
DEEP T'GIVE A
MAN AN
APPETITE!

A NICE STEAK
WITH ONIONS
AN' MASHED
POTATOES IS
JUST WHAT
I NEED TO
KEEP ME
STRENGTH!

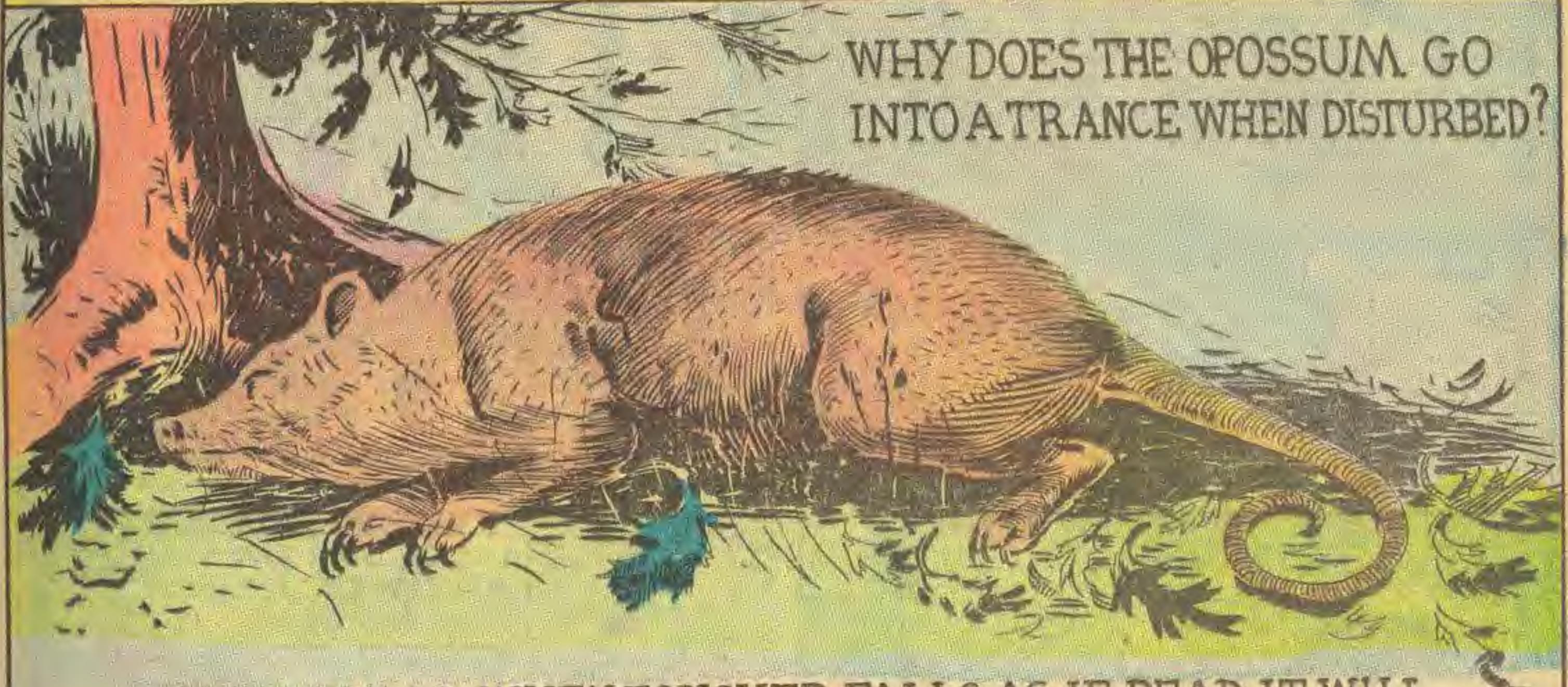






DO YOU KNOW WHY?

WHY DOES THE OPOSSUM GO
INTO A TRANCE WHEN DISTURBED?



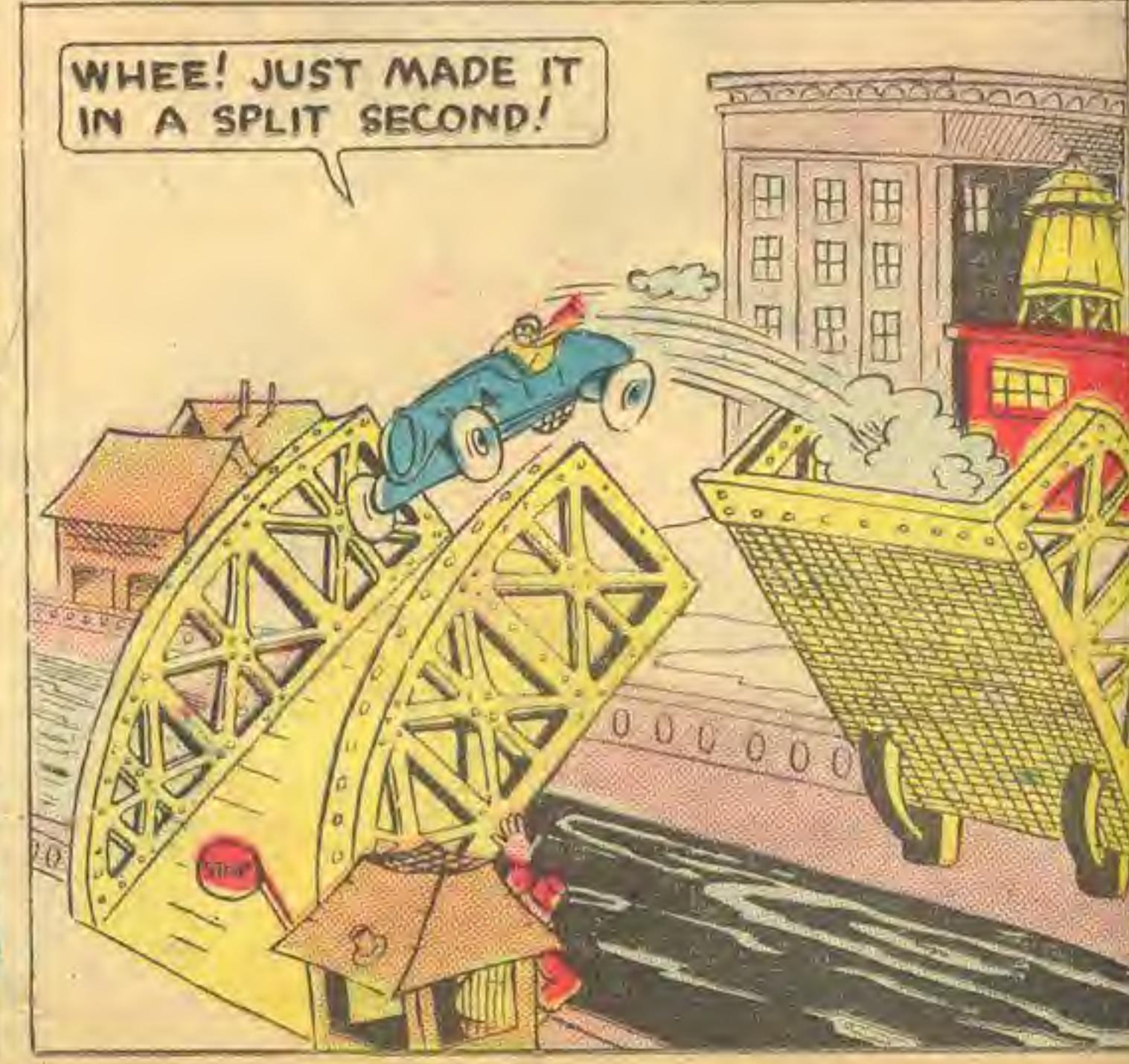
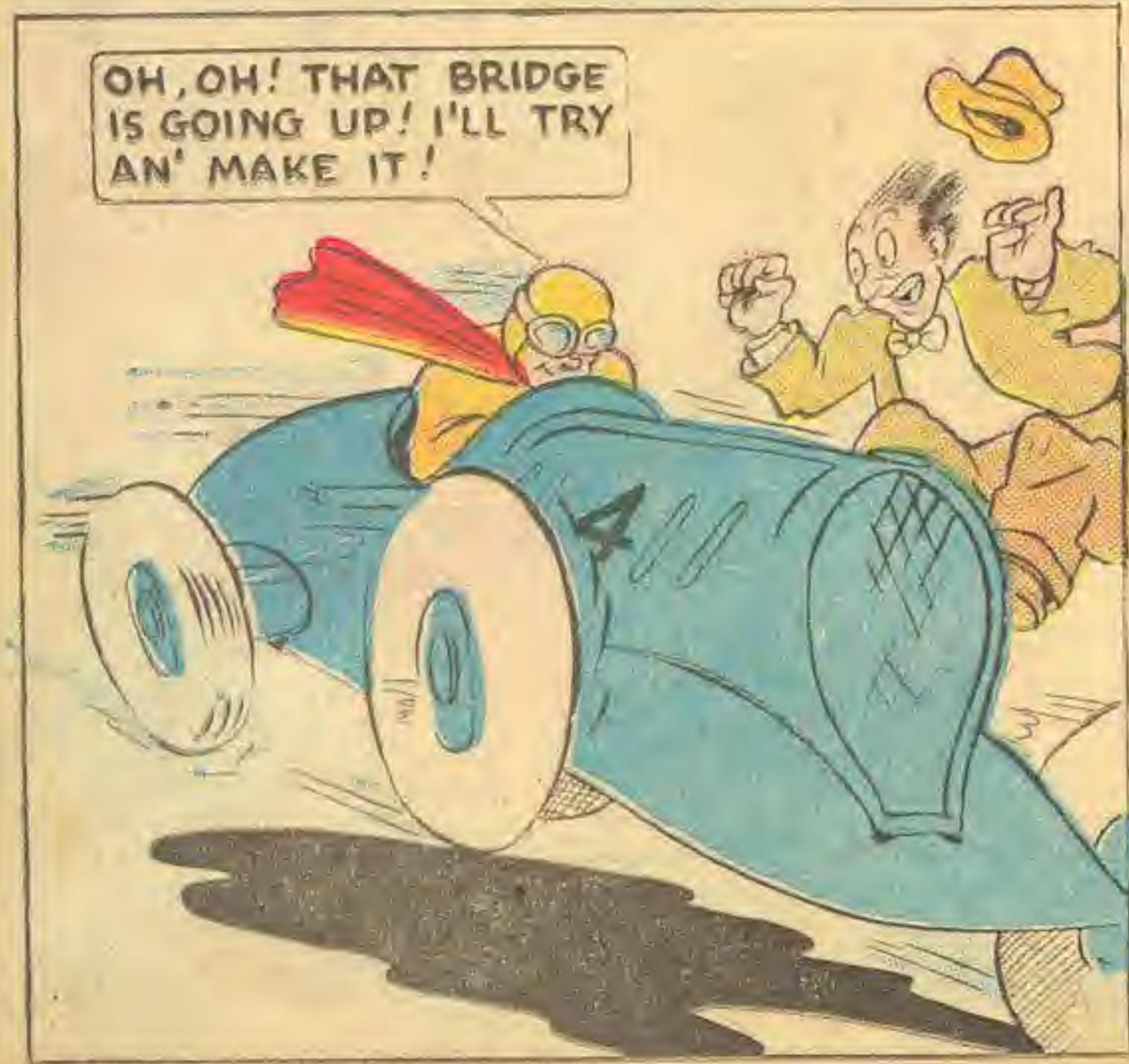
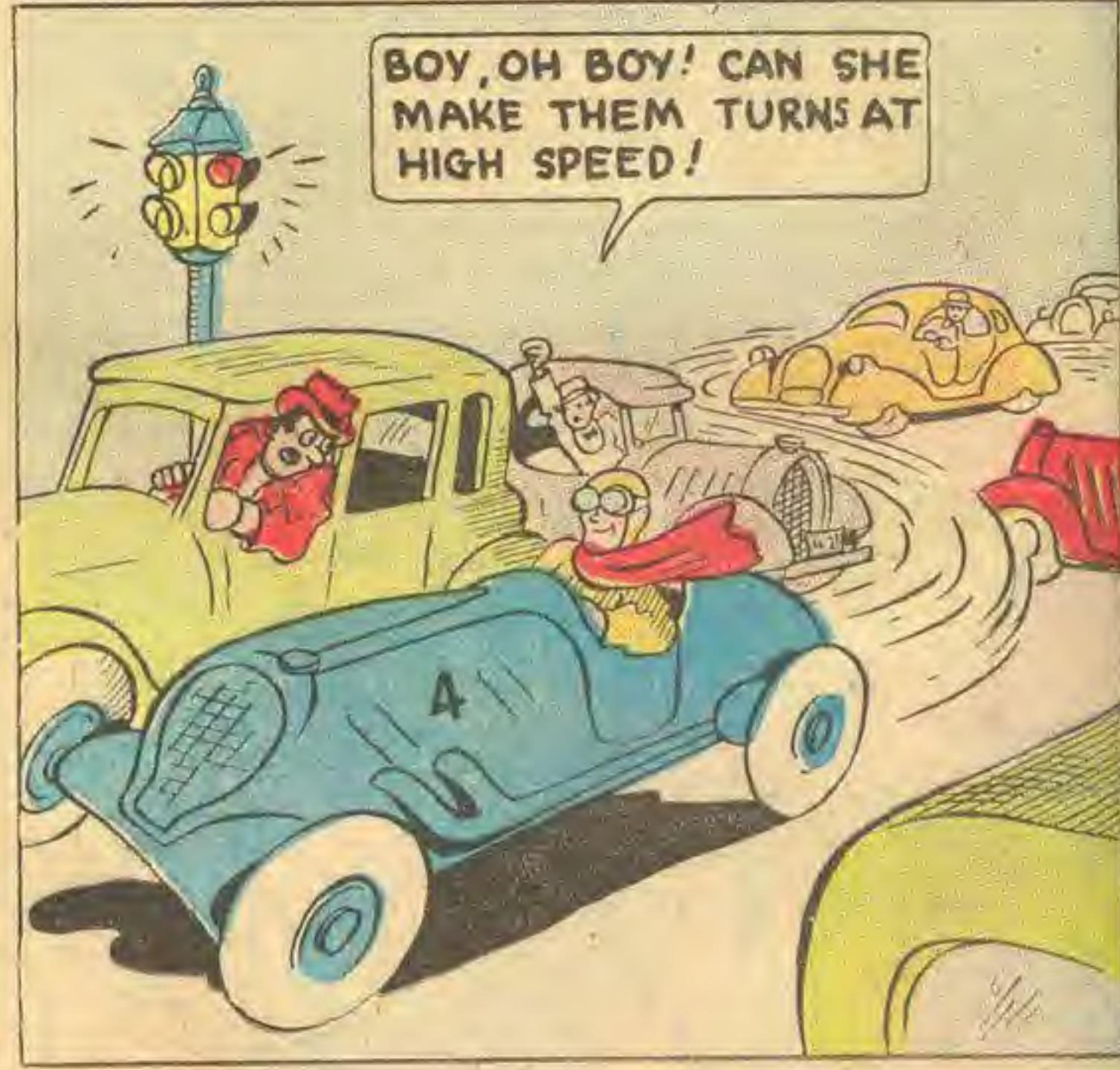
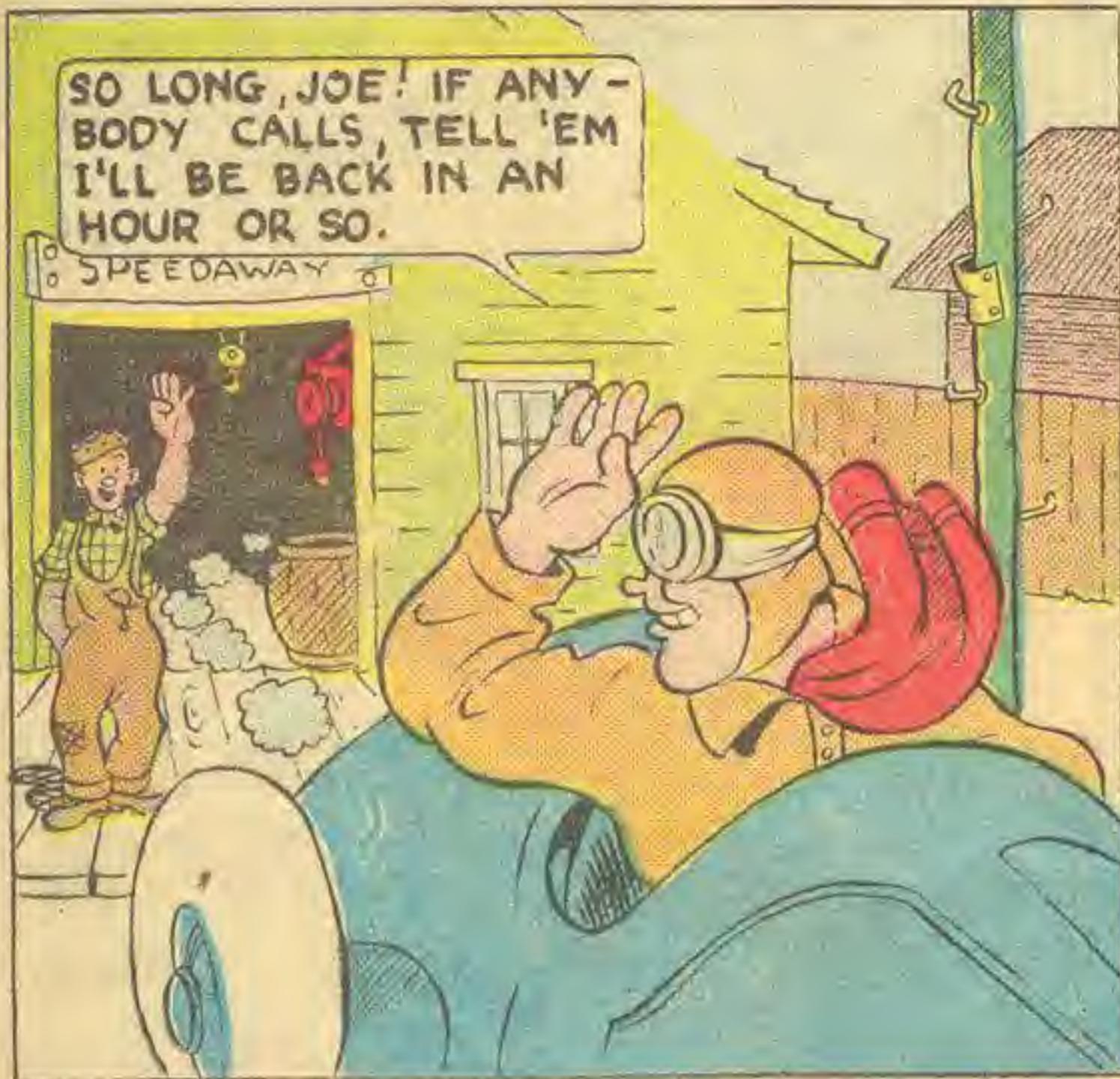
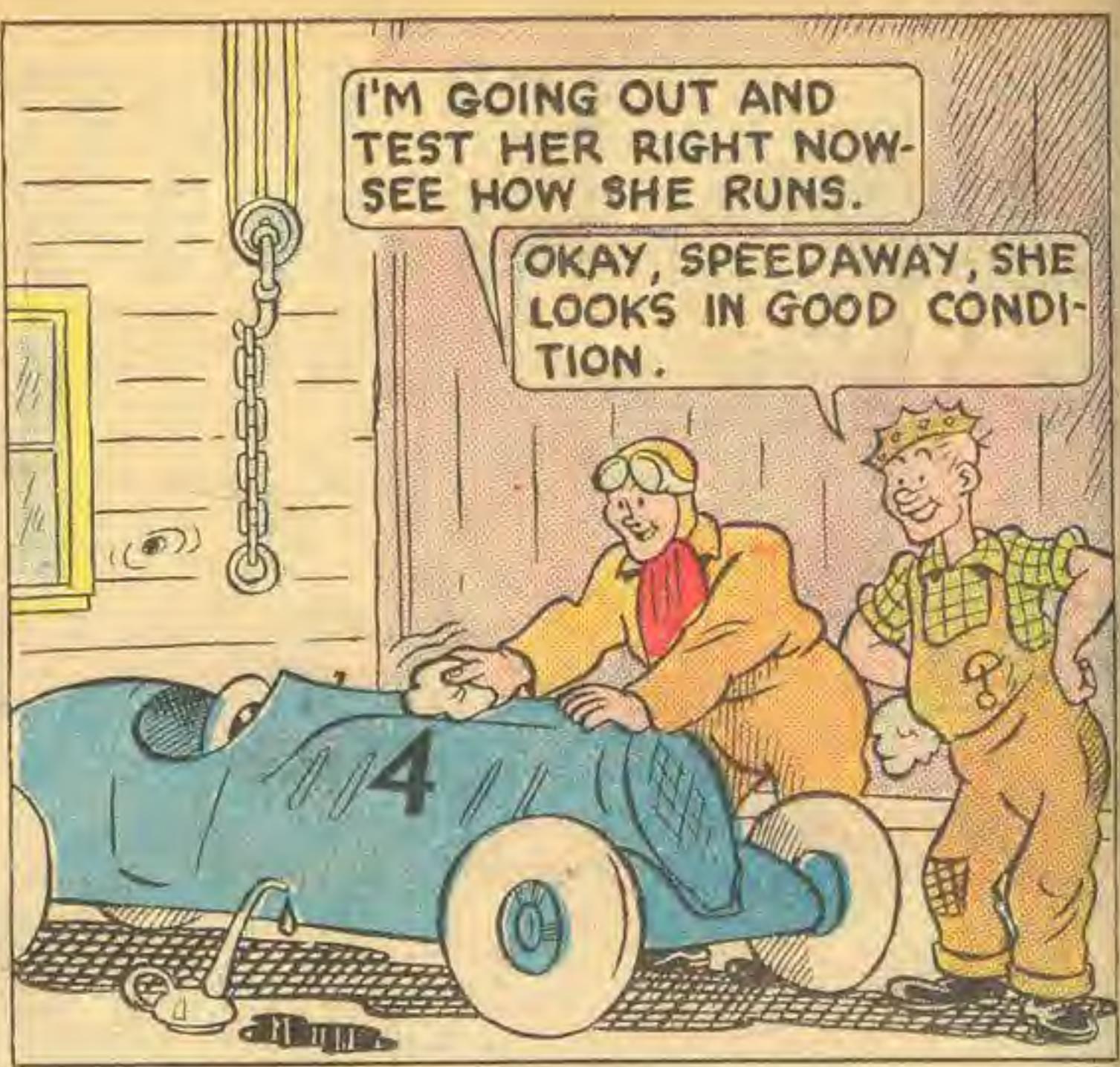
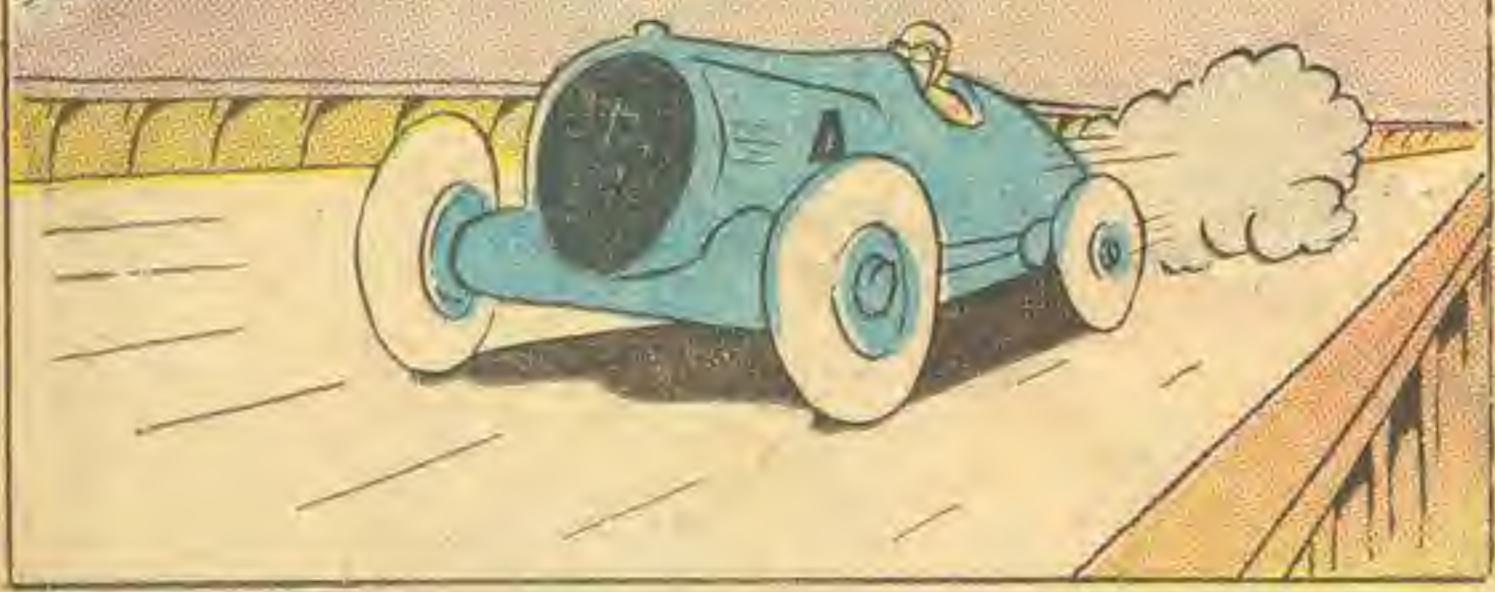
THIS ANIMAL, WHEN TOUCHED, FALLS AS IF DEAD. IT WILL STAND ANY AMOUNT OF TORTURE AND SHOW NO SIGNS OF LIFE. -NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER THIS IS A VOLUNTARY ACTION, CALCULATED TO FOOL AN ENEMY, OR AN INVOLUNTARY NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

WHY HAS THE WILD HORSE
BECOME EXTINCT IN AMERICA?



THE WILD HORSE WAS ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO THE EARLY AMERICAN INDIAN, AND IN AMERICA WAS ACTUALLY A PRODUCT OF CIVILIZATION. THE MUSTANGS THAT THE LATER INDIANS RODE REALLY DESCENDED FROM TAME HORSES THAT ESCAPED FROM THE SPANIARDS DURING THEIR EXPLORATIONS OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT. THEIR GRADUAL EXTINCTION PROBABLY IS DUE TO THE EASE WITH WHICH THEY COULD BE MASTERED AND USED BY MAN.

SPEED-A-WAY



LOOKS LIKE I'M
RUNNING OUT OF GAS.

HEY YOU, IN THERE,
SOME SERVICE OUT
HERE!

NOW LET'S GO! WATCH IT
PICK UP OUT ON THE OPEN
ROAD!

HA! SOME GUY OUT IN BACK
TRYING TO PASS ME! WATCH
ME GO OUT OF SIGHT!

ONE SIDE, SLOW
POKE! YOU BLOCK
THE ROAD!

HEY! THAT GUY NOT ONLY PASSED ME,
HE STOLE MY CAR, TOO! STOP, THIEF!

LINDER
MAYR

Detective Shultz's OVERCOAT

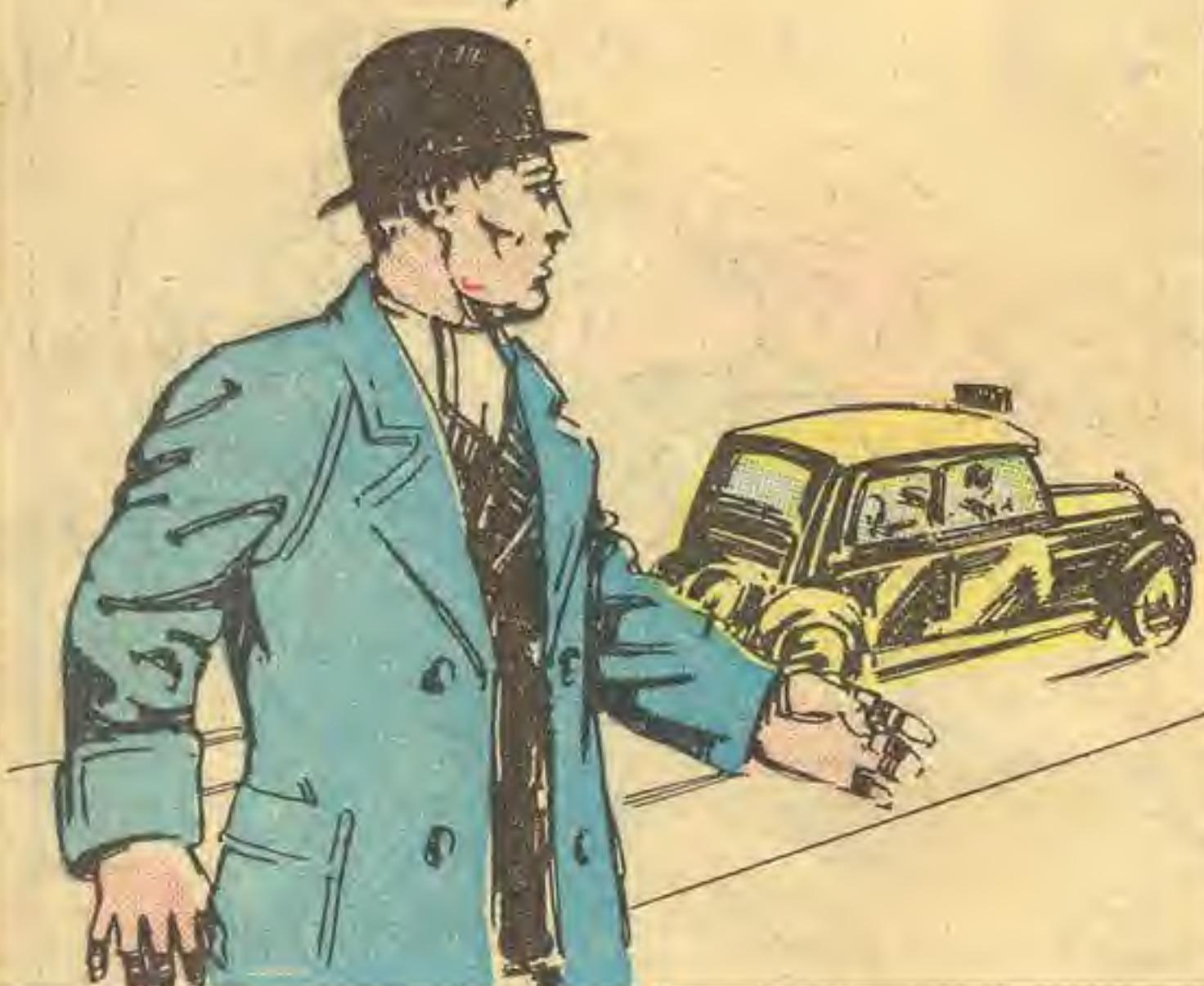


HECTOR HANDSOME,
THE MOVIE STAR,
BOUGHT ONE JUST
LIKE IT YESTERDAY

ZAT SO? WELL
I GUESS I'LL
BUY IT-



SOMETHIN'S HAPPENED.



GREAT WORK,
RIORDAN!

NOTHIN TO IT.

LEMME THROUGH!



AN' WHERE WERE YOU
WHEN YOUR PARTNER,
RIORDAN, CAPTURED
THIS CROOK?

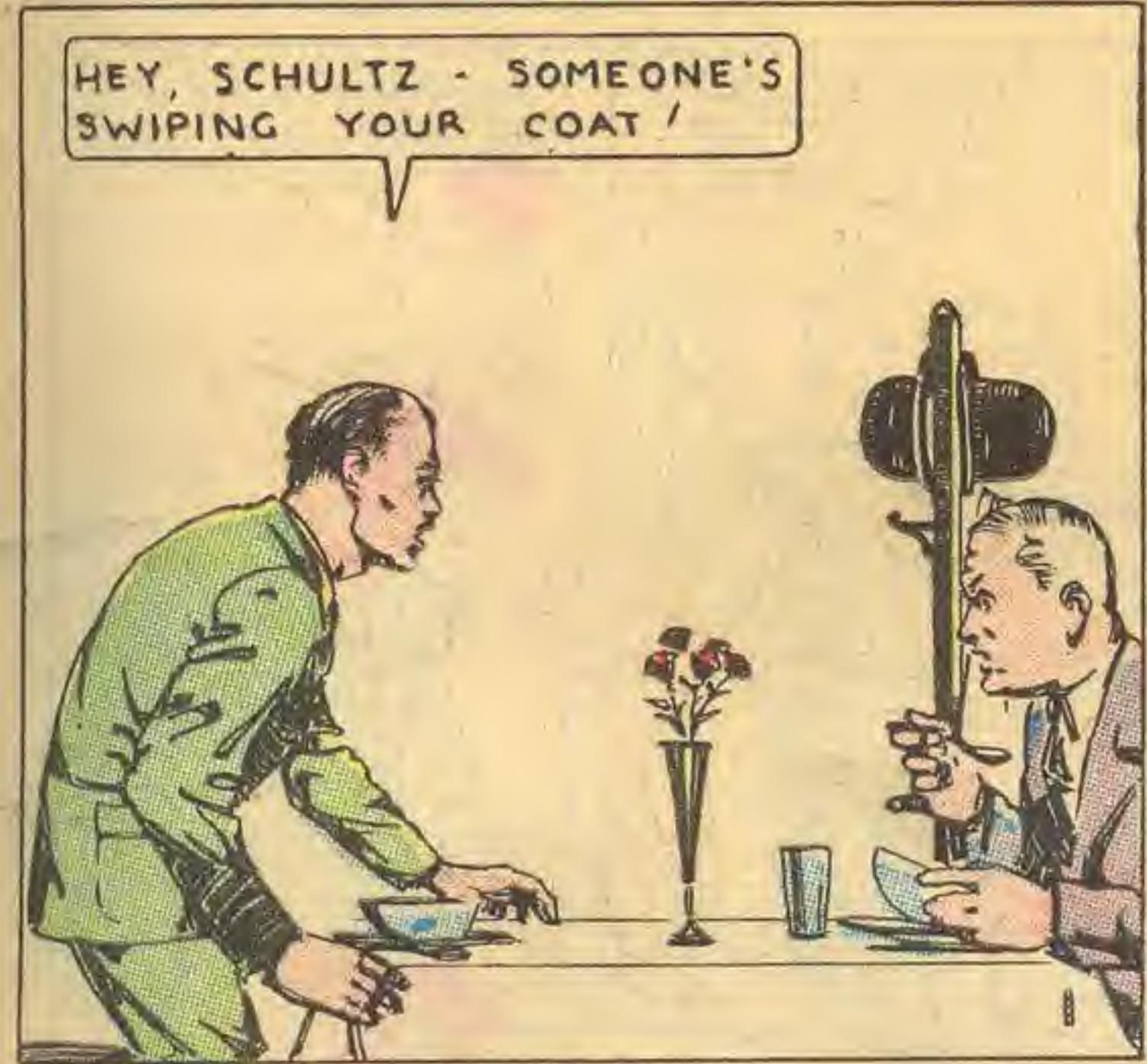
GOSH! I WAS
AROUND THE
CORNER BUYIN'
ME THIS NEW
OVERCOAT.
IT'S GOTTEN
KINDA COLD-



BUYIN' AN OVERCOAT,
HUH? LAST WEEK WHEN
RIORDAN FOILED THAT
BANK ROBBERY YOU
WERE GETTIN' A
HAIRCUT!

POOR SCHULTZ
IS GETTIN'
THE WORKS
AGAIN!





PENNY AUNTY

NOW, LIKE GOOD CHILDREN, GO OUT AND PLAY, WHILE I HELP MOTHER WITH THE DISHES.

ALL RIGHT, BUT COME OUT AFTER IT'S DONE.



PENNY AUNTY, YOU GET RIGHT OUT OF THE KITCHEN!

OH, NO! I'M HERE TO HELP!



HOW DO YOU LIKE THE COUNTRY?

OH, MARTHA! IT'S HEAVEN OUT HERE!



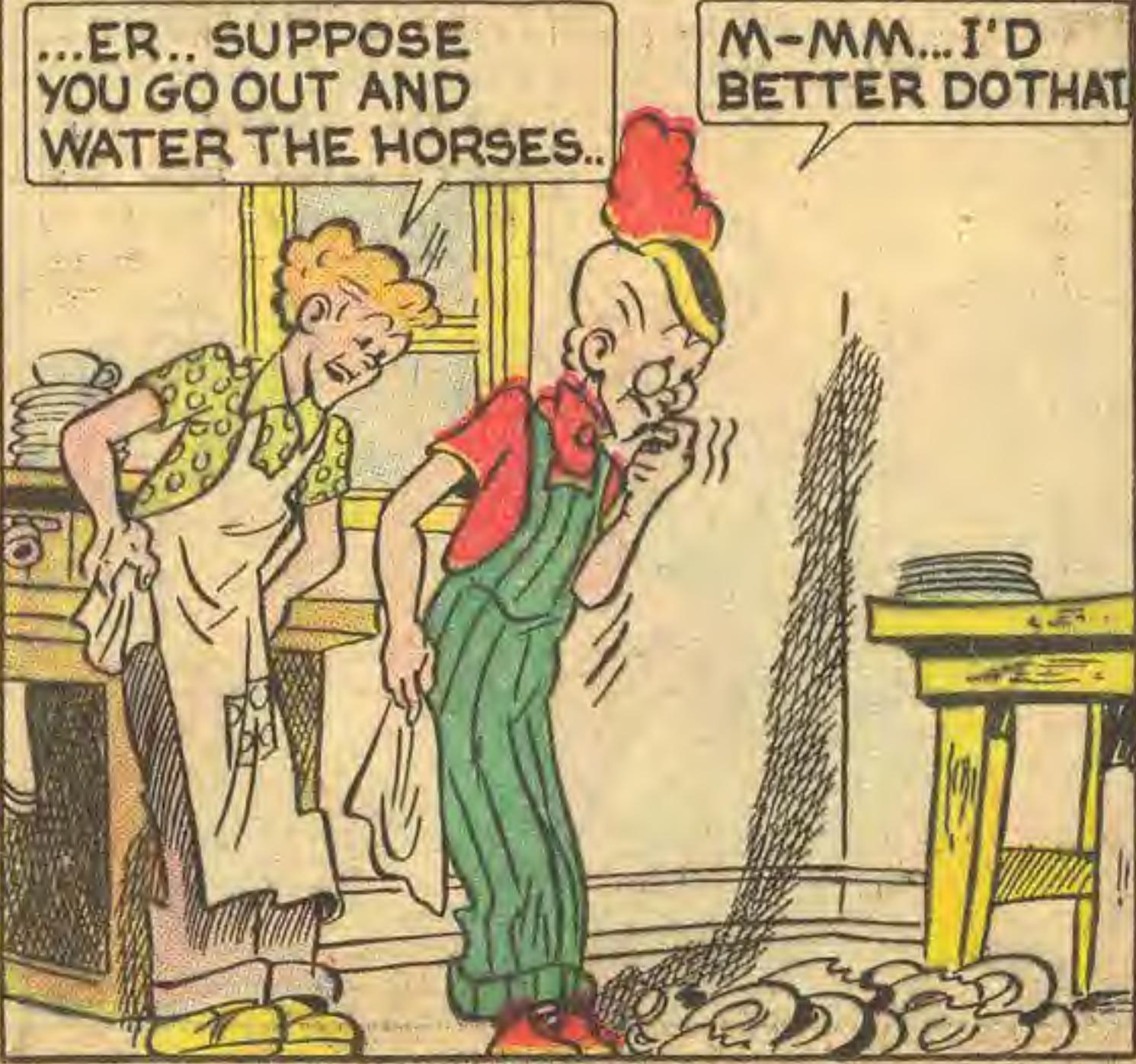
LOOK OUT!

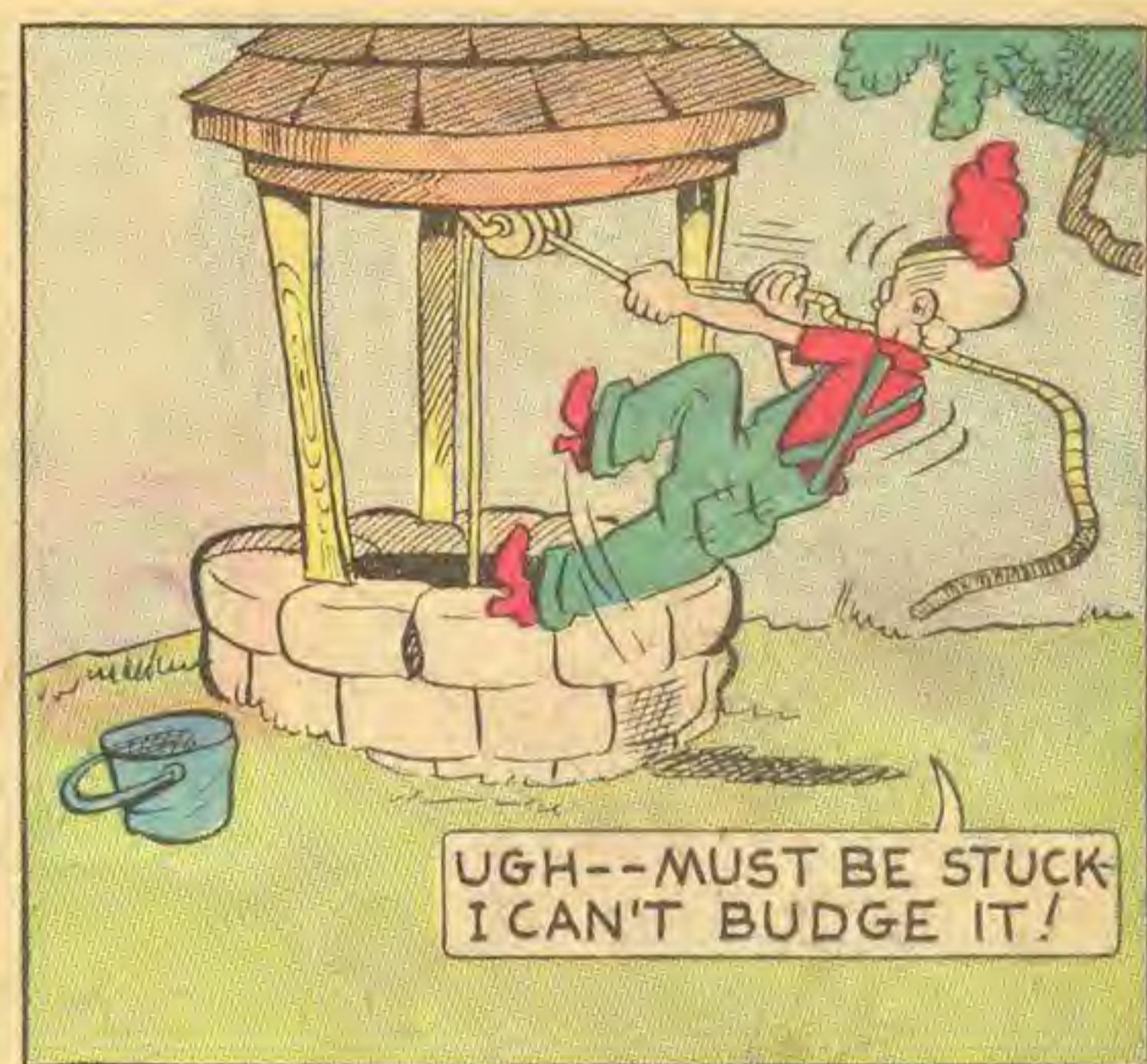
ALL PEACE AND QUIET, WITH THE BIRDS SINGING AND THE FLOWERS BLOOM.

SMACK

...ER.. SUPPOSE YOU GO OUT AND WATER THE HORSES..

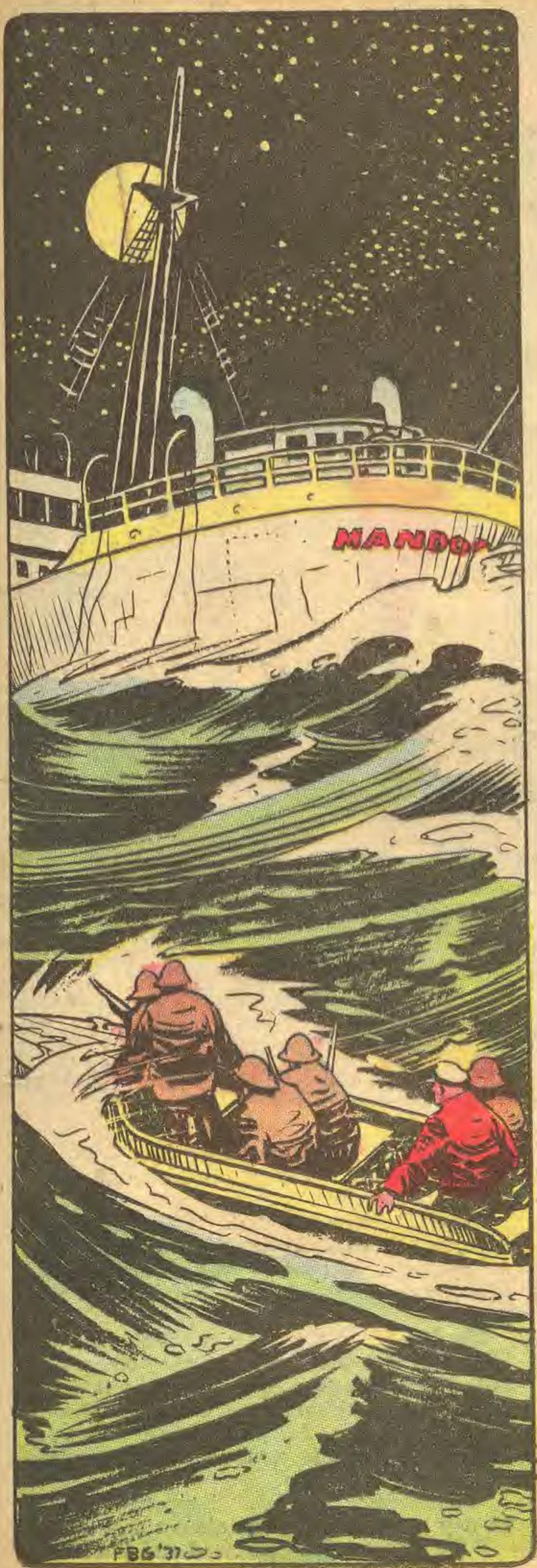
M-MM... I'D BETTER DO THAT





RUNT AND TUFFY





FBG '31

even a ladder down here. Looks to me like an invitation. Better be careful."

Dave was the first up the ladder. As his head came above decks, he hesitated, took a firm grip on his gun and made sure the safety was off. He slung one leg over the rail and stood alone on the deck of a deserted ship.

There wasn't a sign of life and a grim, grisly silence hung over the vessel. Without waiting for the others, Dave strode across the deck to the starboard side. Something caught his eye in the glare of the search-lights from his ship. There was a wet streak across the deck of the Mandora, as though some giant sea serpent had wriggled its way to the rail.

Shorty came over the rail with two sailors.

"Stay on deck!" Dave ordered. "Keep your eye peeled for trouble. If there's anyone below, I'm going to smoke him out."

He crept down the companionway and found himself in a neatly arranged corridor. Cabins were interspaced off this hall and every door was wide open. Dave found a light switch, snapped it and the quarters were flooded with light.

The radio room was straight ahead and he made his way toward it warily. He could expect to meet almost anything, but not once did he hesitate. It was Dave's way to face any danger squarely and never give ground before it.

The door of the radio room was closed. He turned the knob, kicked the door wide open and stepped quickly aside in the event that his greeting would be a hail of bullets. But nothing happened. He edged around the corner, turned on the lights and stood staring at the bench on which the radio instruments were placed.

He saw that they were wrecked beyond repair. Tubes were smashed in their sockets and wires were strewn about the room. But Dave had eyes only for a grisly stain sopped up by the big blotting pad in front of what was left of the sending set. He touched the crimson stain with his finger. It was damp. The amount of blood told a grim tale. The radio operator was dead—murdered!

Dave began to search the room. His keen eyes first noticed that the pad or radiograms had turned a vivid yellow. He tried to tear one page off, but it fell to pieces, like century old paper. Two minutes later Dave looked quickly at his fingertips. They were stained also and jabs of pain coursed through each finger.

His forehead puckered in a deep frown. Turning, he examined the rest of the room. With the muzzle of his gun, he touched a brilliant array of plumes stuck in an old bottle. They fell away like dust. An acrid odor assailed his nostrils.

He wheeled, stalked out of the radio room and into the first cabin he came to. There he



FBC '37

Dave shook his head. "He's undoubtedly been murdered. I did find that his set was ruined and that he probably mended it well enough to send us his S. O. S. Then it was wrecked again, this time completely."

found similar traces of some burning acid over everything. The grill work of the ventilator was green with corrosion. In every room he found a similar scene.

But there wasn't a soul aboard. This was a ghost ship, bereft of crew and passengers. Shorty hurried below. Dave warned him curtly.

"Don't touch a thing! The entire ship has been sprayed with something that burns the flesh. I've had a mild taste of it already."

"Did you find the radio operator?" Shorty cried.

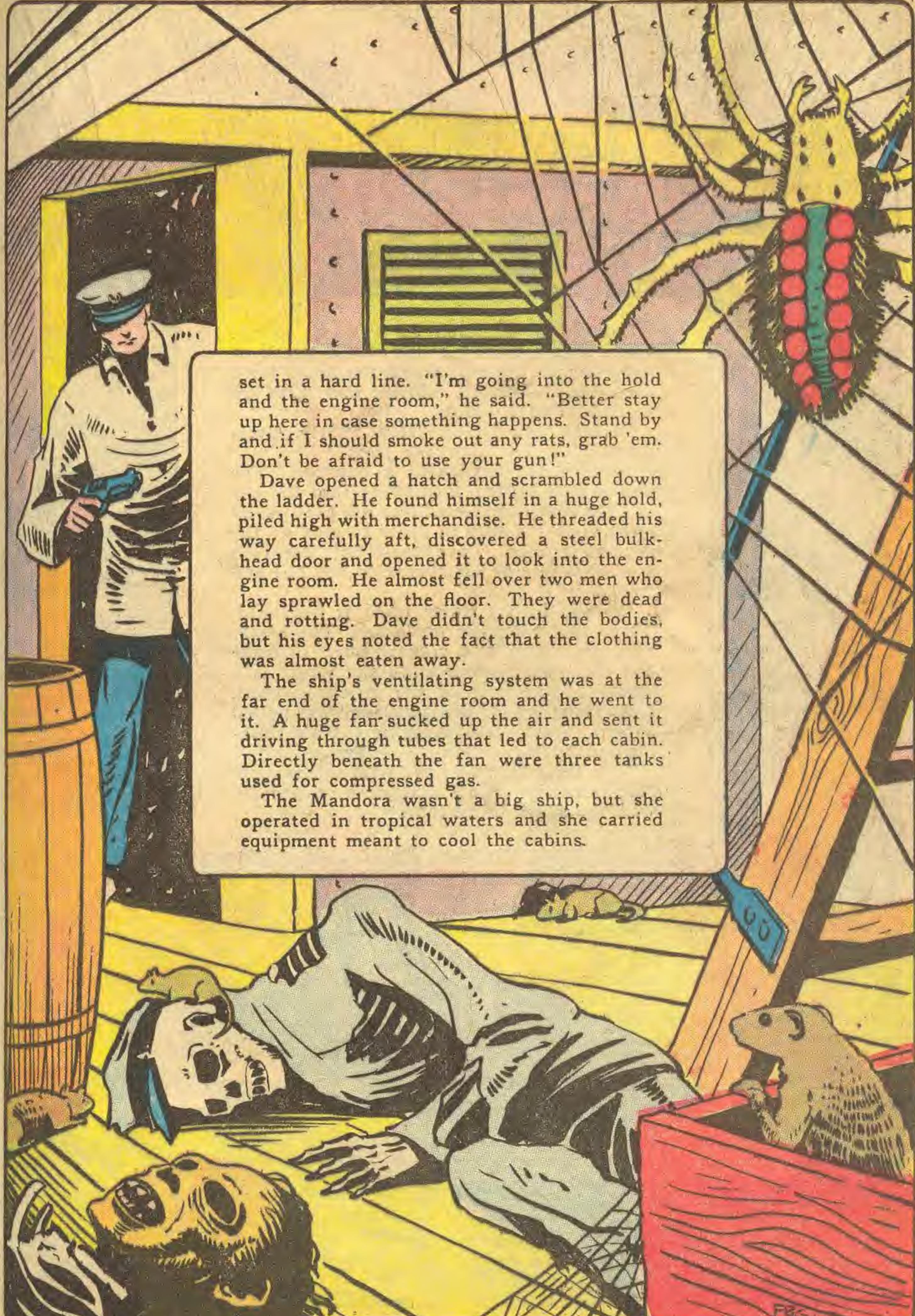
"Then there are pirates—killers—aboard," Shorty gasped. "I'll go on deck and signal for more men."

"Wait!" Dave snapped. "There is no one here, but this ship is as dangerous as though an epidemic of cholera was aboard. I've an idea what happened here, but I'm not sure yet."

He led Shorty to the captain's quarters. The door was wide open and they stepped inside the spacious cabin. The safe that had held the first shipment of diamonds yawned wide and empty. All papers were yellow, as if with great age and the ventilator was green with corrosion.

"Something terrible happened here," Shorty gasped. "You can almost feel death."

Dave's eyes were narrowed and his mouth

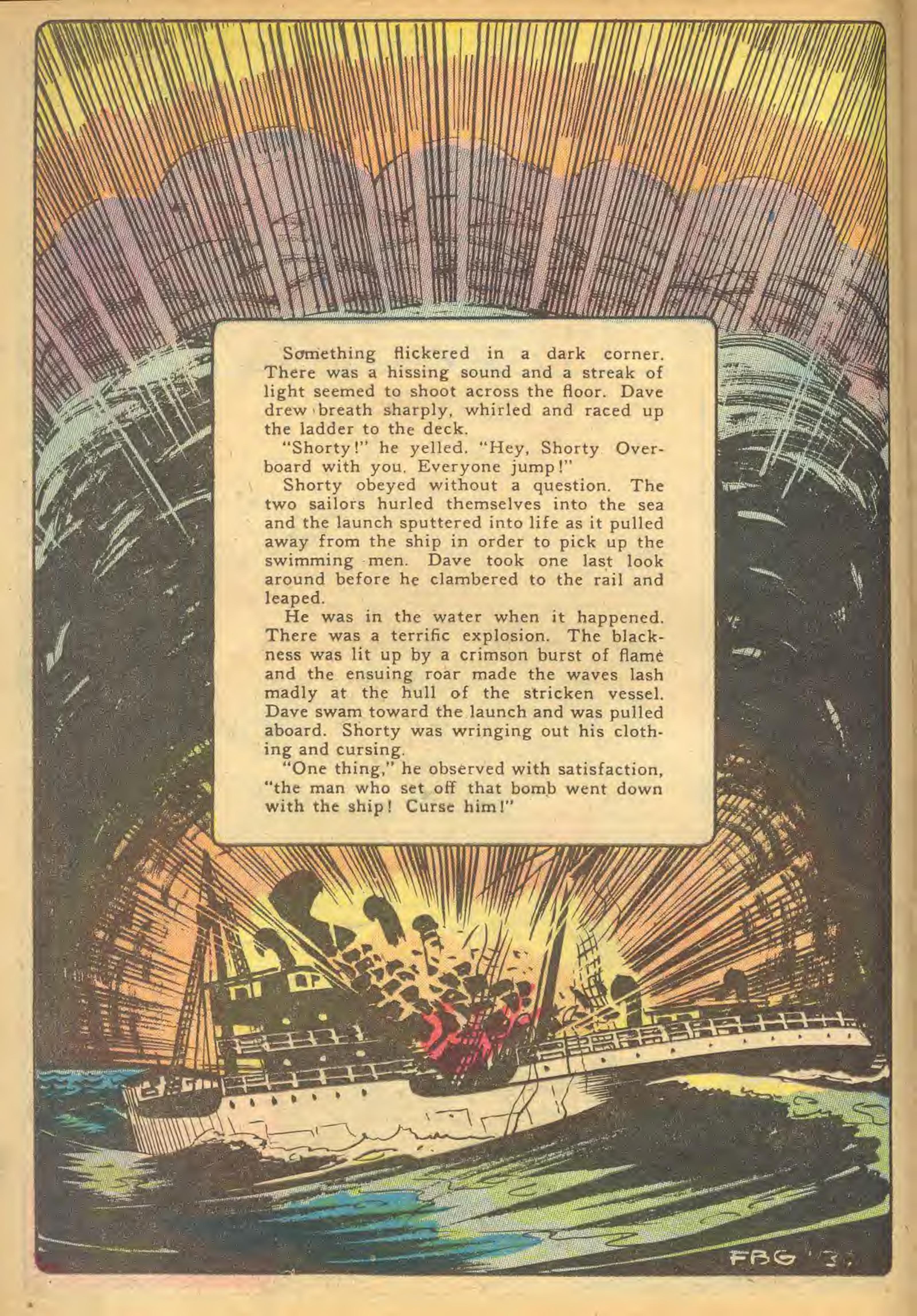


set in a hard line. "I'm going into the hold and the engine room," he said. "Better stay up here in case something happens. Stand by and if I should smoke out any rats, grab 'em. Don't be afraid to use your gun!"

Dave opened a hatch and scrambled down the ladder. He found himself in a huge hold, piled high with merchandise. He threaded his way carefully aft, discovered a steel bulkhead door and opened it to look into the engine room. He almost fell over two men who lay sprawled on the floor. They were dead and rotting. Dave didn't touch the bodies, but his eyes noted the fact that the clothing was almost eaten away.

The ship's ventilating system was at the far end of the engine room and he went to it. A huge fan sucked up the air and sent it driving through tubes that led to each cabin. Directly beneath the fan were three tanks used for compressed gas.

The Mandora wasn't a big ship, but she operated in tropical waters and she carried equipment meant to cool the cabins.



Something flickered in a dark corner. There was a hissing sound and a streak of light seemed to shoot across the floor. Dave drew breath sharply, whirled and raced up the ladder to the deck.

"Shorty!" he yelled. "Hey, Shorty. Overboard with you. Everyone jump!"

Shorty obeyed without a question. The two sailors hurled themselves into the sea and the launch sputtered into life as it pulled away from the ship in order to pick up the swimming men. Dave took one last look around before he clambered to the rail and leaped.

He was in the water when it happened. There was a terrific explosion. The blackness was lit up by a crimson burst of flame and the ensuing roar made the waves lash madly at the hull of the stricken vessel. Dave swam toward the launch and was pulled aboard. Shorty was wringing out his clothing and cursing.

"One thing," he observed with satisfaction, "the man who set off that bomb went down with the ship! Curse him!"

"Nobody went down with her," Dave said. "The bomb was set off by a simple timing device. I spotted a candle burning in a corner of the engine room. Before I could do anything about it, the flame struck the fuse. We didn't get off that deck any too soon."

"But what is it all about?" Shorty asked. "What happened to the crew — the passengers? What kind of horror was aboard the Mandora?"

"I don't know—yet," Dave said. "We'd better get back to our own ship and radio Bangkok what has happened. I'll double the guard around the safe. If a million and a half in uncut diamonds brought death and destruction to the Mandora, it may do the same to us."

"Let's see," Shorty reflected. "We have those two marine scientists—Cranston the Englishman and that German Muller. Then there is Kinkaid, the miner on his way home, your radio operator and Swanson who works for a Dutch coffee firm. With you and me that takes care of all the white men aboard. The crew is half lascars and half African blacks. Then there is that Hindu priest who stays in his cabin with his two servants."

"And any of them may be plotting our death," Dave said slowly. "We've got to be careful."

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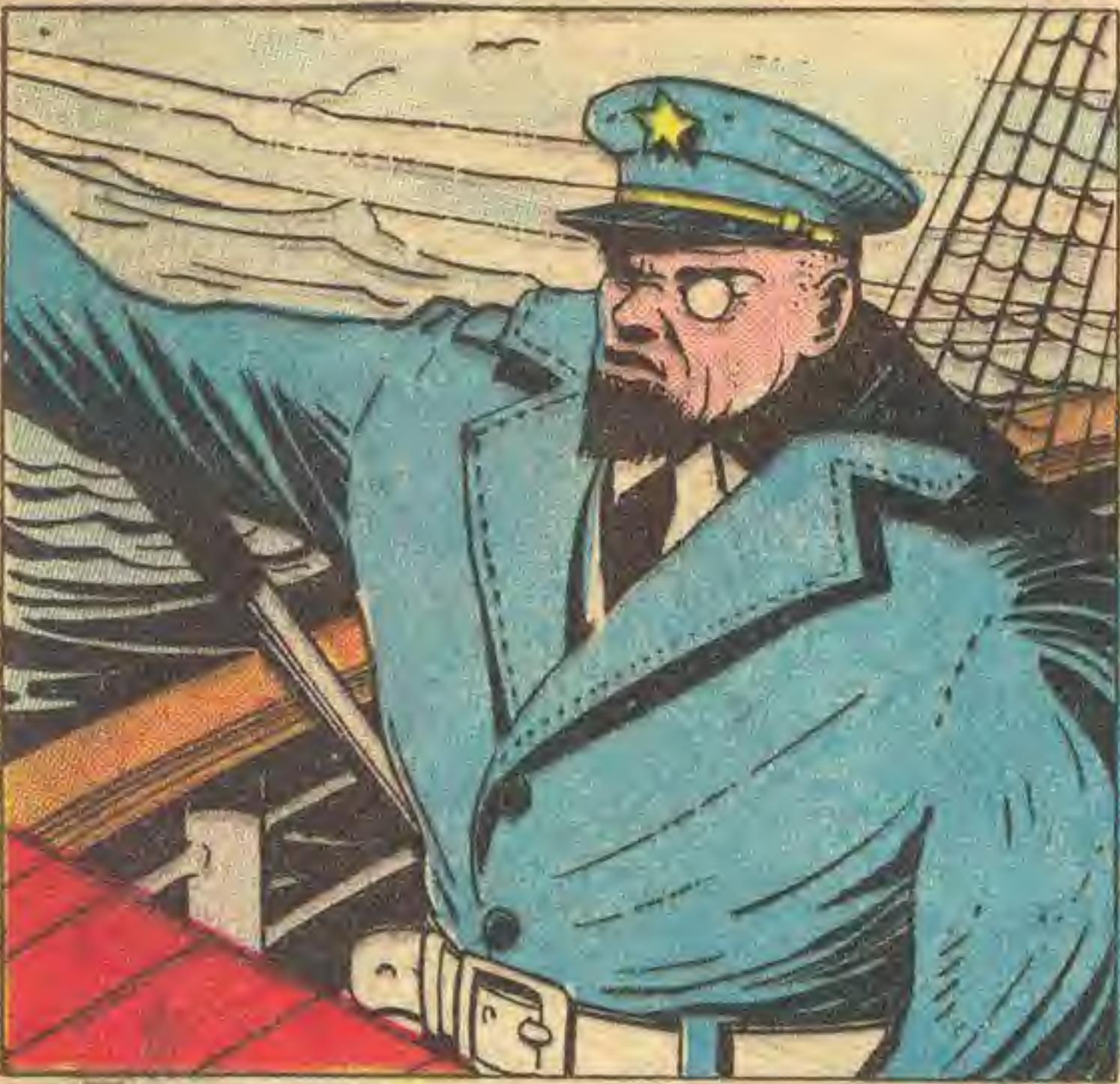
DANGEROUS SEAS

by NORMAN DANIELS

ILLUSTRATED BY FRED GUARDINEER

IF IT WASN'T FOR THE
MONEY, I'D TELL THAT
RUSSIAN BEAR TO
JUMP IN THE SEA !

I DON'T LIKE
HIM EITHER !



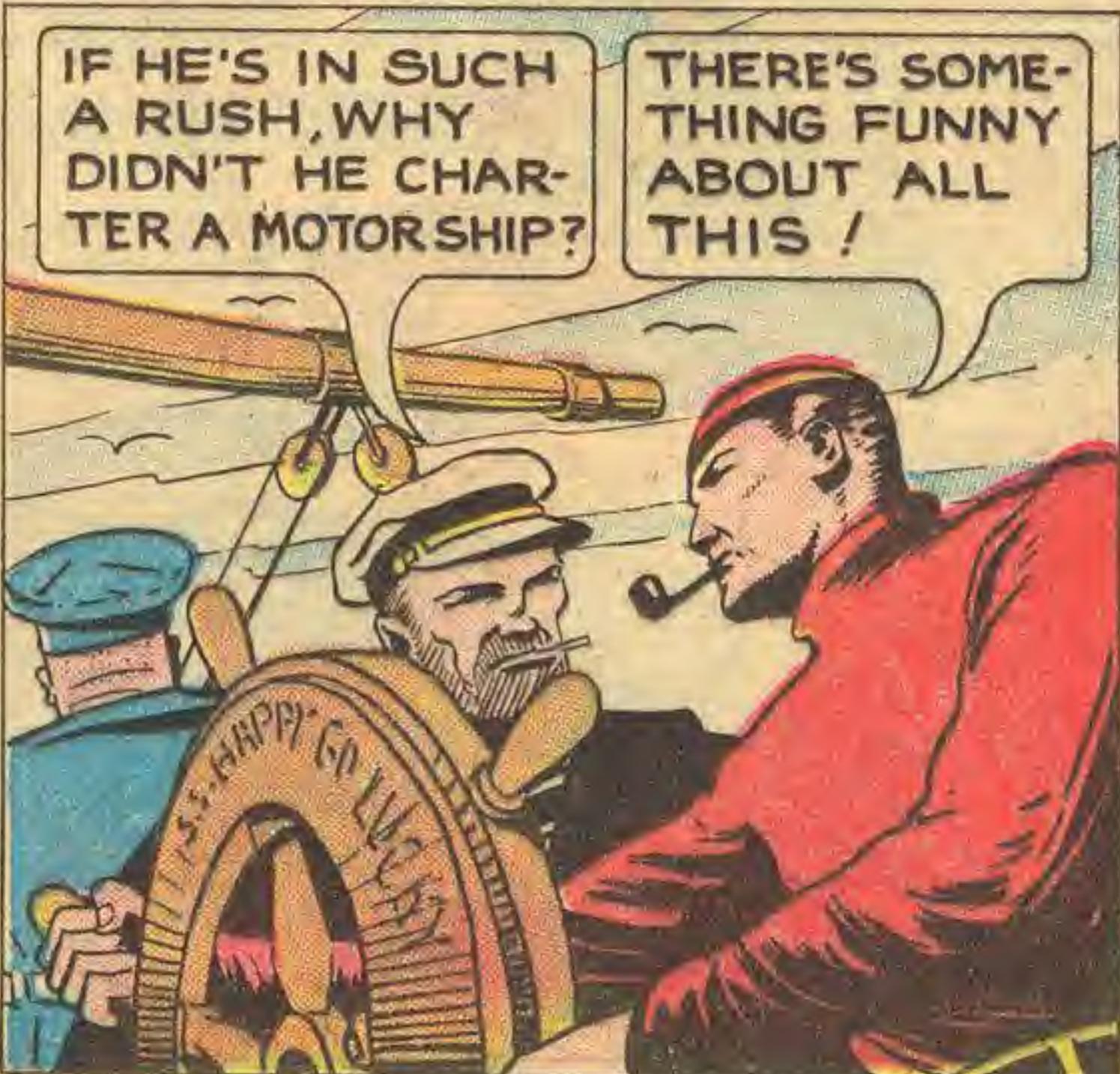
MY FRIENDS -
SCIENTISTS IN
SIBERIA - ARE
WAITING !

LET 'EM WAIT.
THE BERING SEA
IS A BIG PLACE
AND A SCHOONER
GOES SO FAST
AND NO MORE.



IF HE'S IN SUCH
A RUSH, WHY
DIDN'T HE CHAR-
TER A MOTORSHIP?

THERE'S SOME-
THING FUNNY
ABOUT ALL
THIS !



10 HOURS LATER THE "HAPPY GO LUCKY" REACHED HER DESTINATION.



HURRY! THERE IS NO TIME TO BE LOST.

THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY USING A PAIR OF OARS?



AH — MY LOVELY ONE. YOU ARE GLAD YOU CAME, YES ?



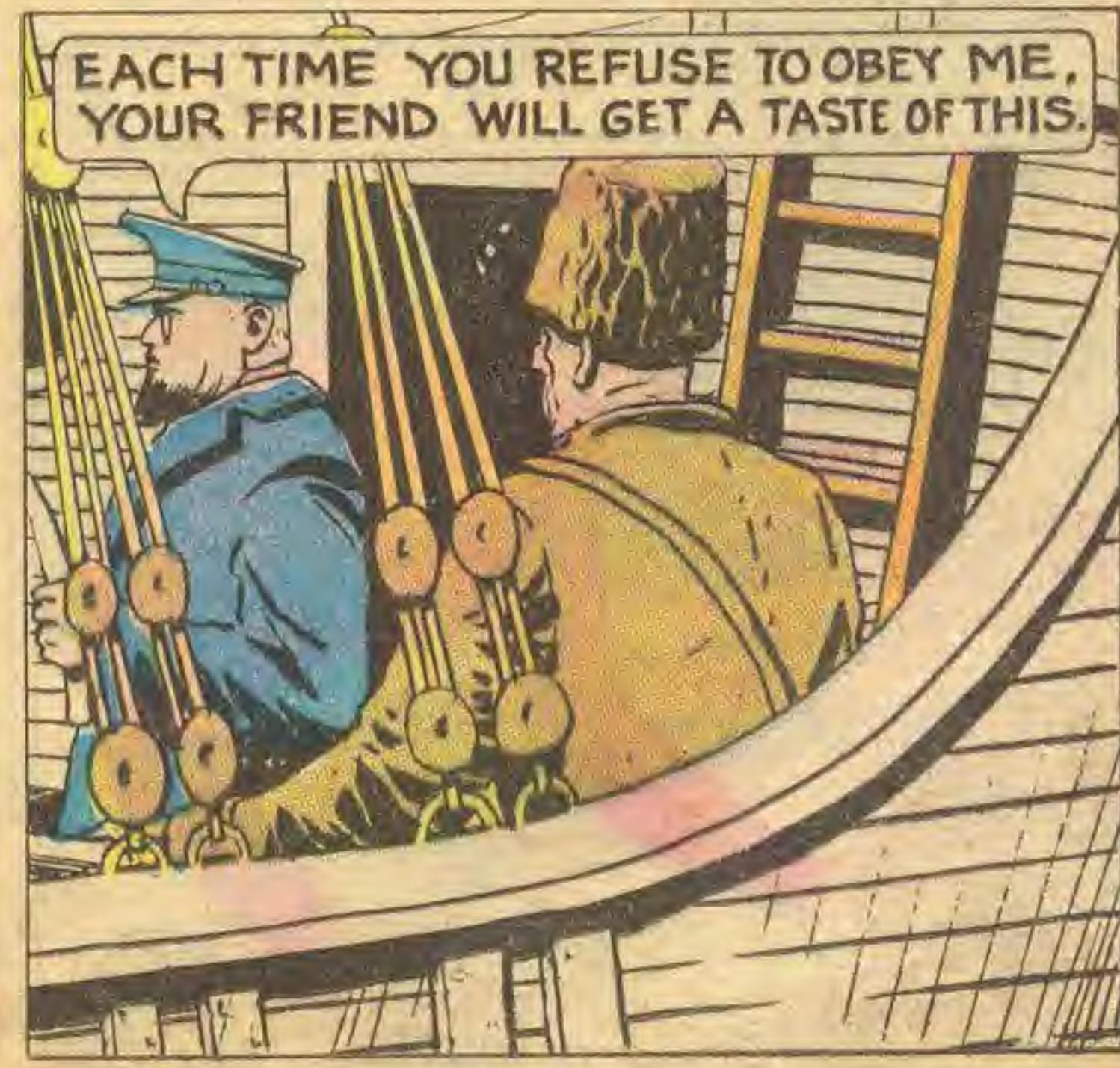
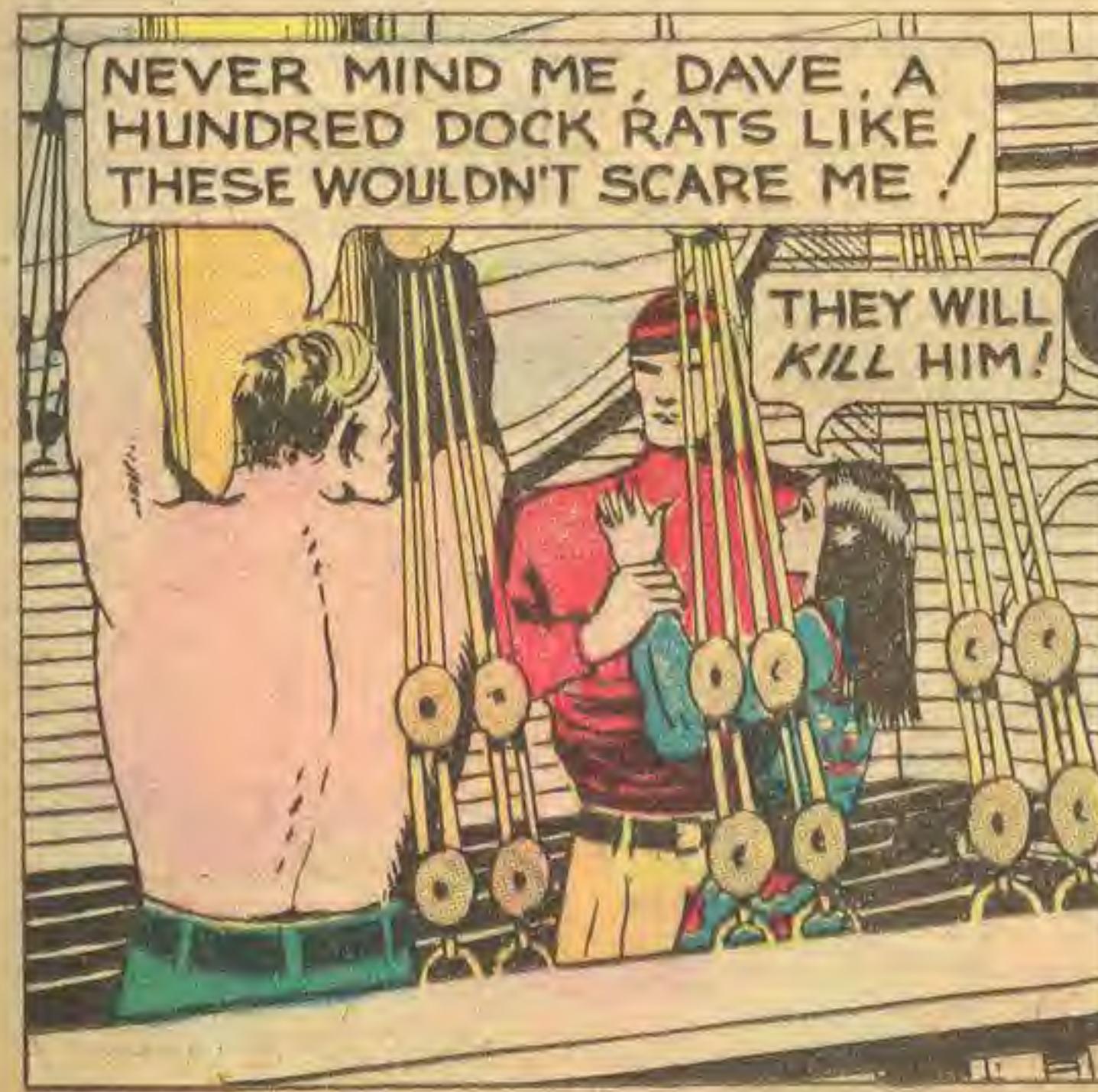
I CAN'T TAKE ALL ALL OF YOU AT ONE TIME. I'LL HAVE TO COME BACK FOR A COUPLE OF YOU!



YOU WILL ROW, PIG. IF IT BREAKS YOUR BACK, YOU'LL GET US TO YOUR MANGY SHIP!





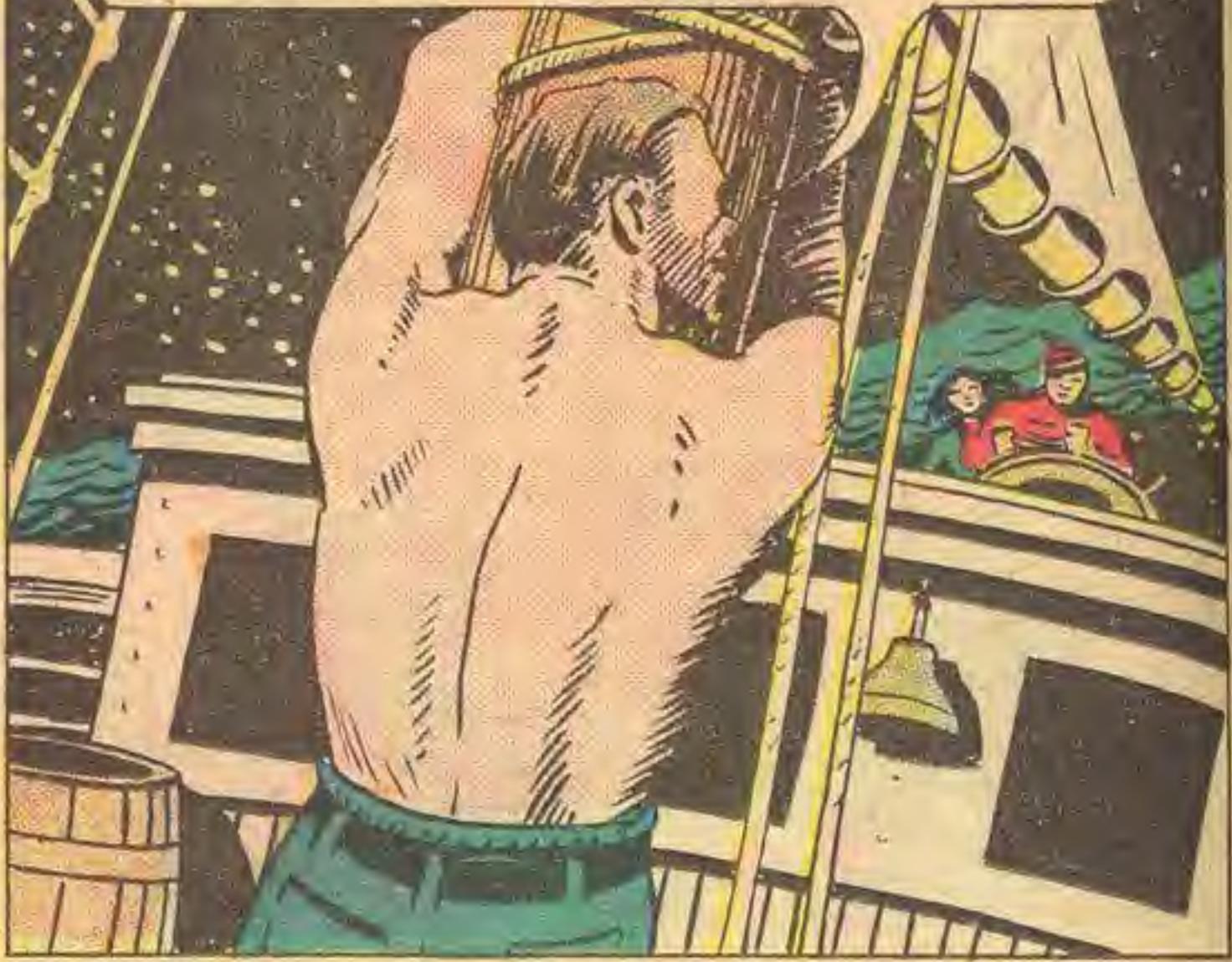


THIS GUARD CANNOT
SPEAK ENGLISH, OH, DAVE
THEY'LL KILL US !

THEY'LL HAVE
TO MOVE FAST
TO DO IT !



NICE VOYAGE, SKIPPER, FOR
DINNER I'D LIKE TO CHEW ON
THE BACK OF KAMROFF'S NECK !



IVAN HAS A
BAG OF JEWELS
THEY STOLE.
ALREADY THEY
FIGHT OVER
THEM.

IF WE COULD MAKE
THEM HAVE A,
REAL FIGHT !



TAKE CARE OF THE
WHEEL, NATALIE,
I'LL BE BACK SOON !



NOW TO GET SHORTY FREE !



THEY'LL BUMP US
OFF SURE IF THEY
EVER MISS ME !

THEY'RE BELOW
EATING. I'VE GOT
A PLAN - LISTEN.

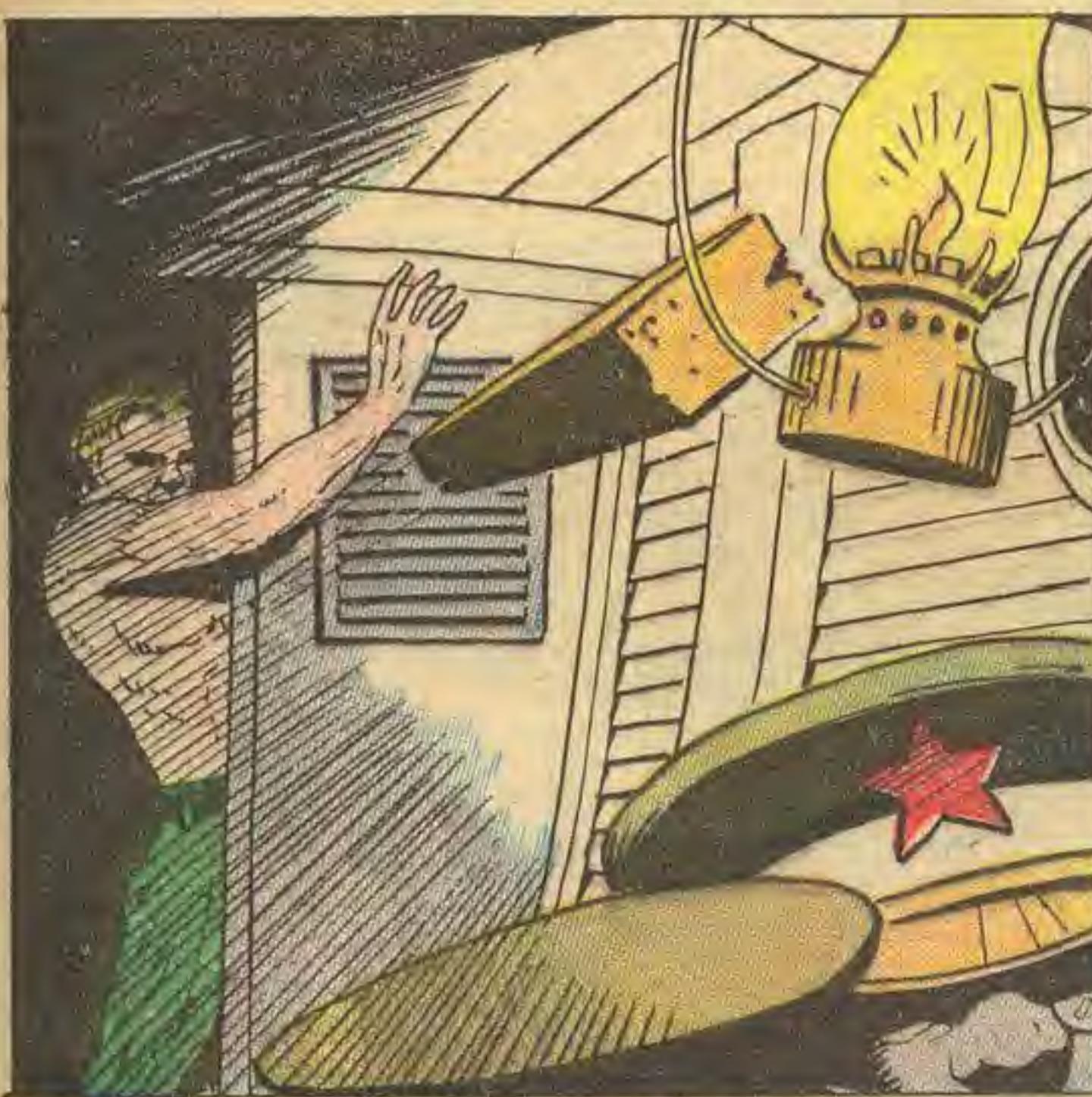


SURE YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO ?

I PUT THE LIGHT
OUT AND YOU
GO INSIDE. LET'S
GO !!



IN TWO DAYS WE
SHALL BE SAFE, THE
AMERICAN PIGS DEAD
AND THE GIRL - AH !



I LOCKED THEM IN
AND TOOK THE
KEY, BUT WE
MUST HURRY !

I POKED THE
BIG APE IN
THE EYE !!



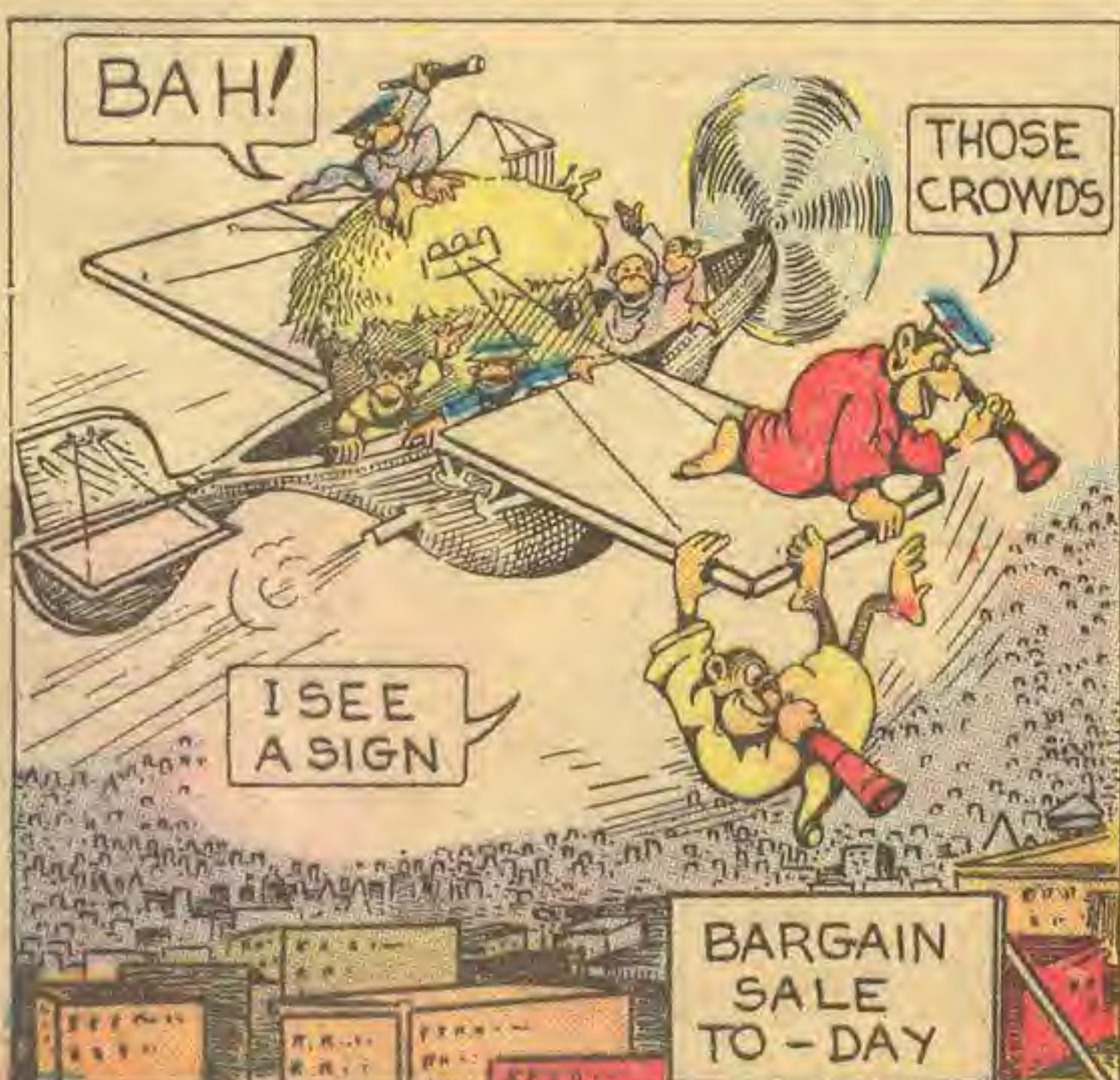
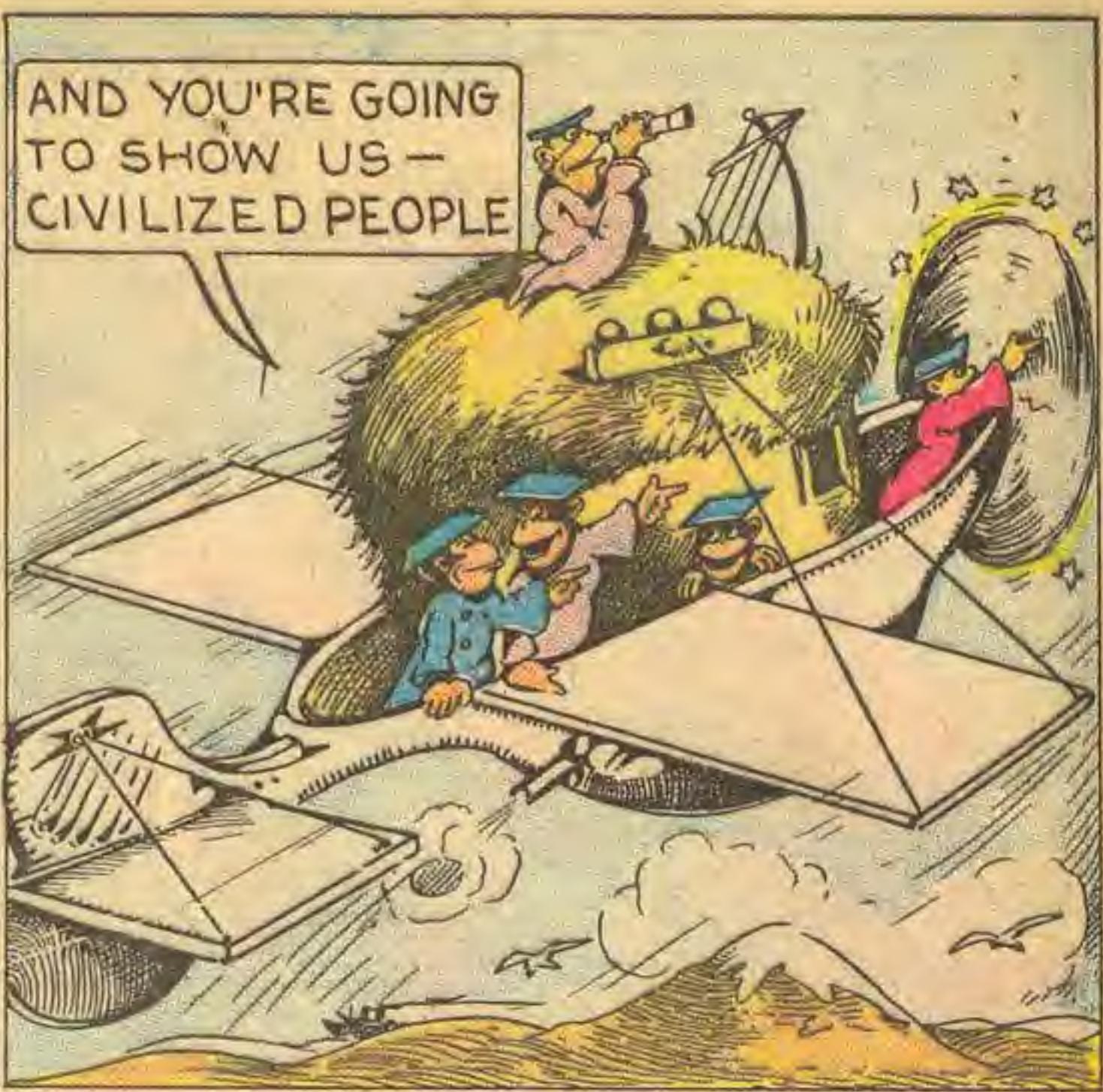
THEY'LL THINK ONE OF THEIR OWN
NUMBER PULLED THAT TRICK !

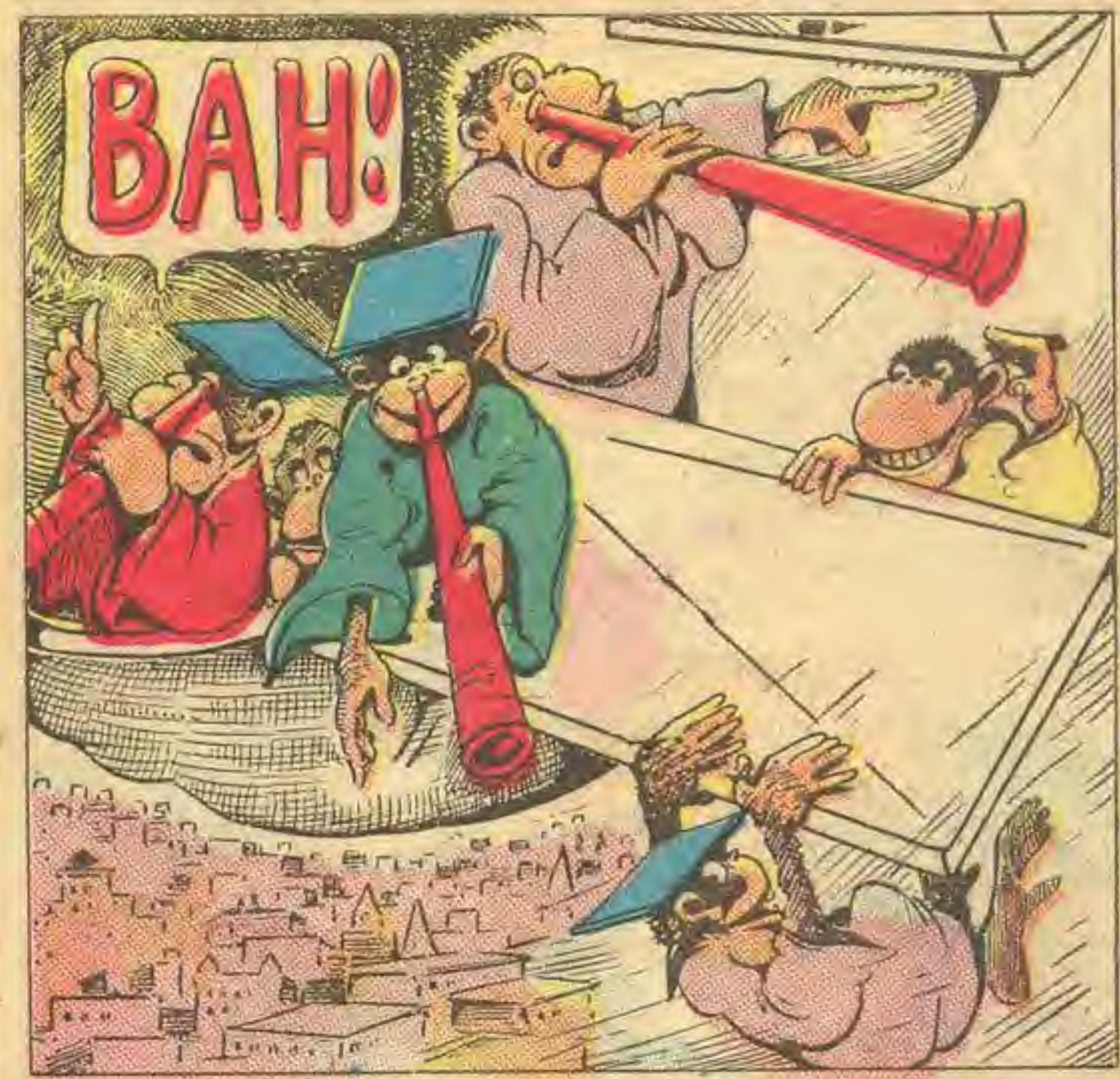


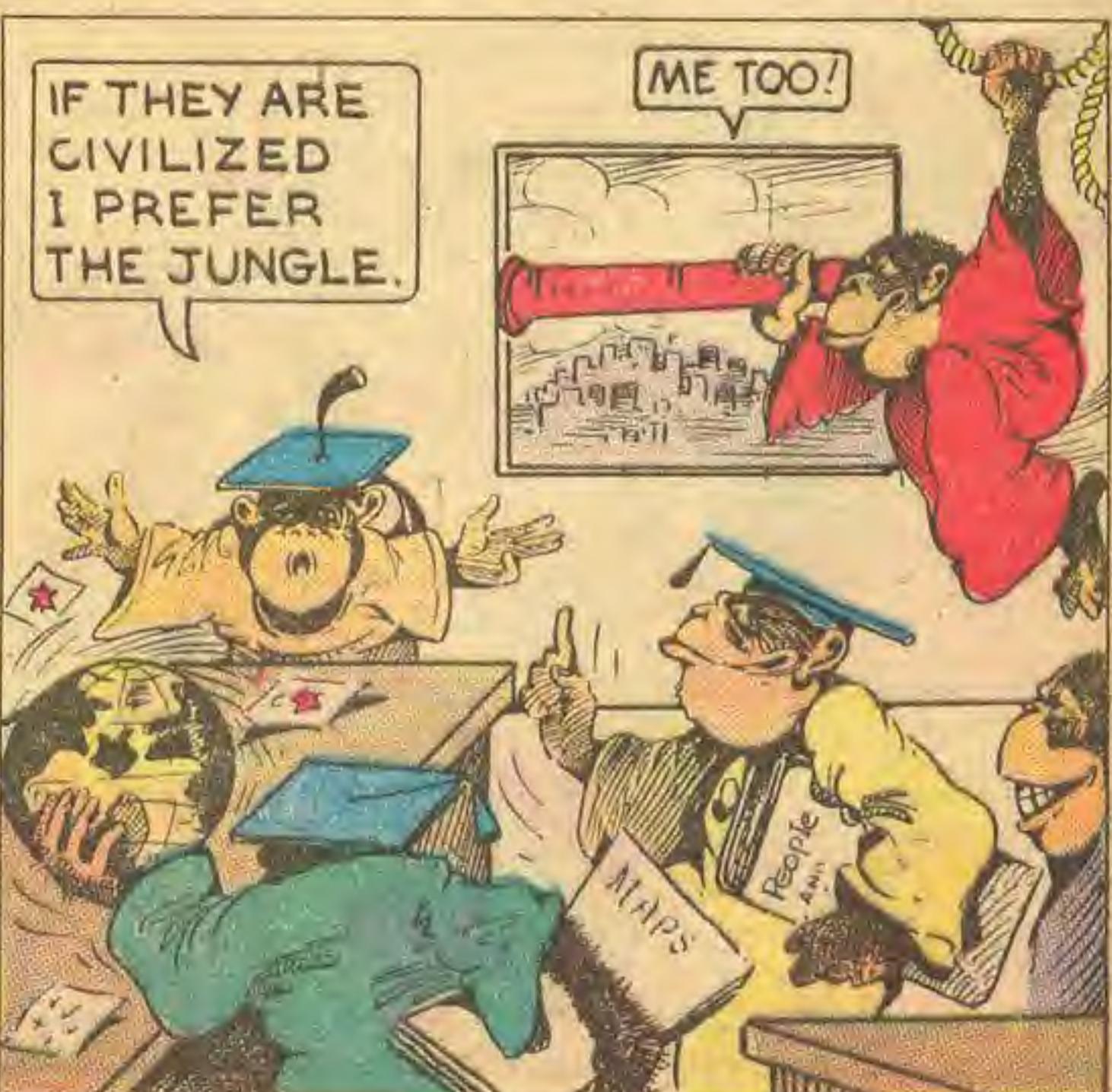
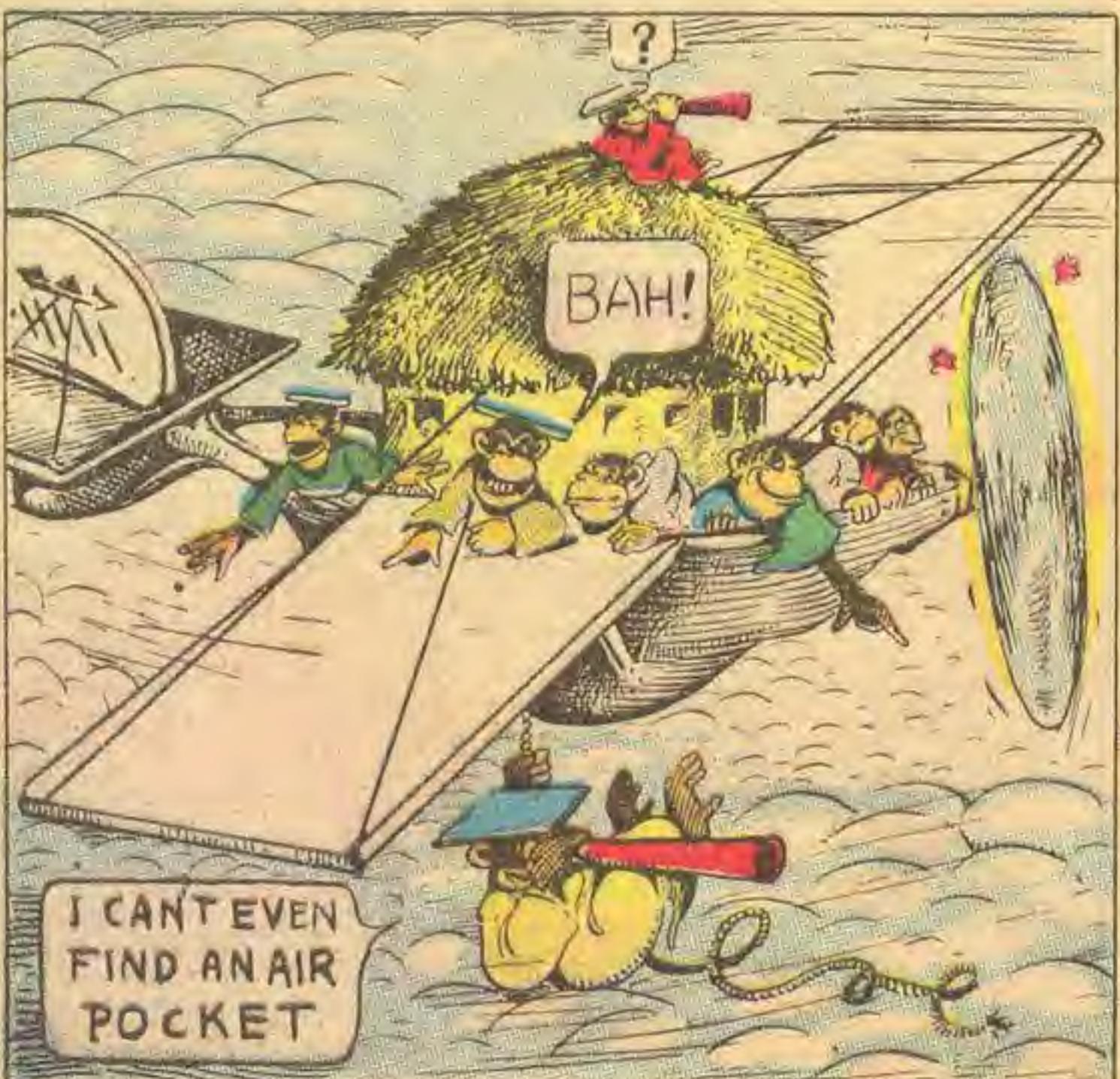
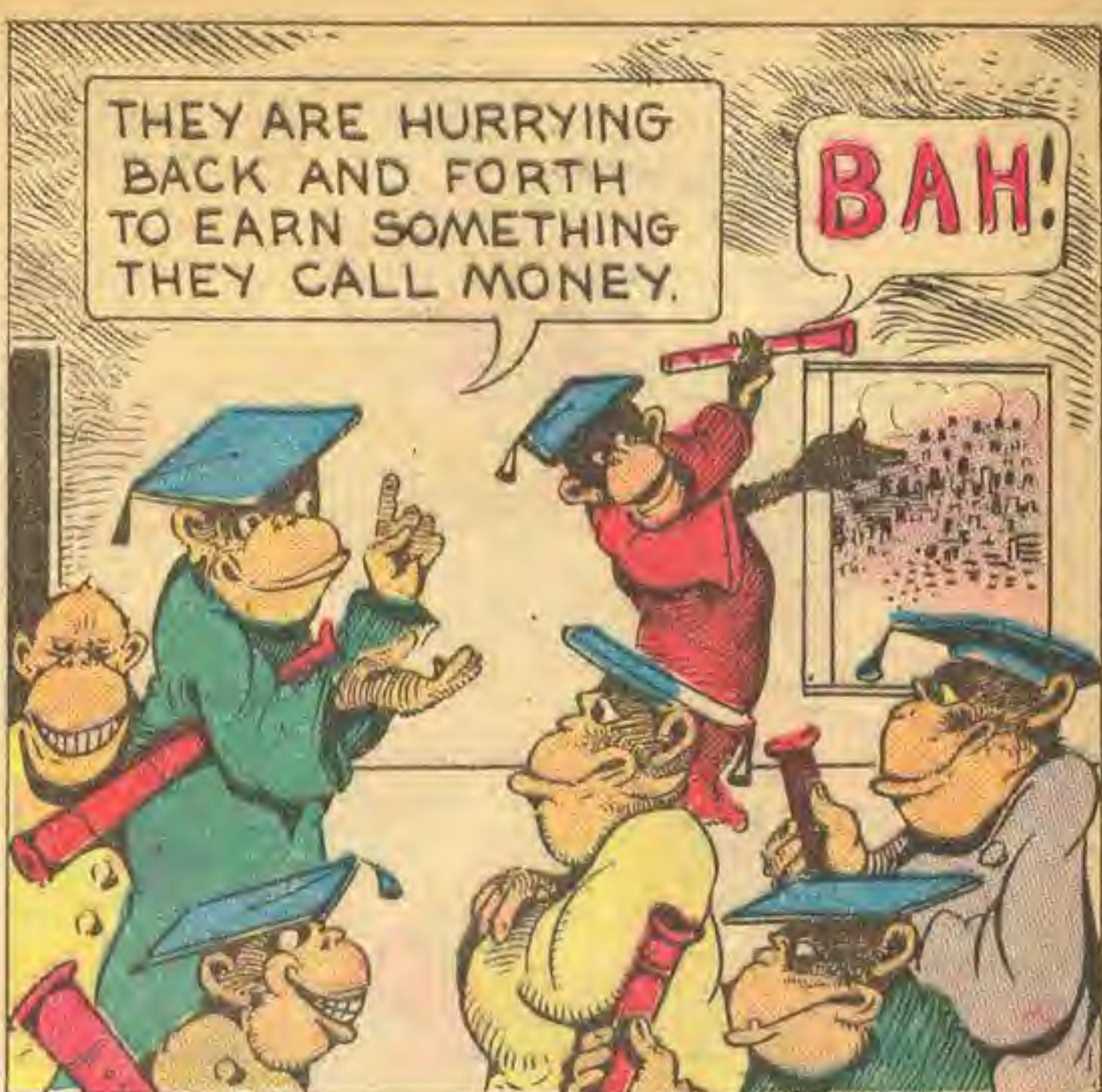




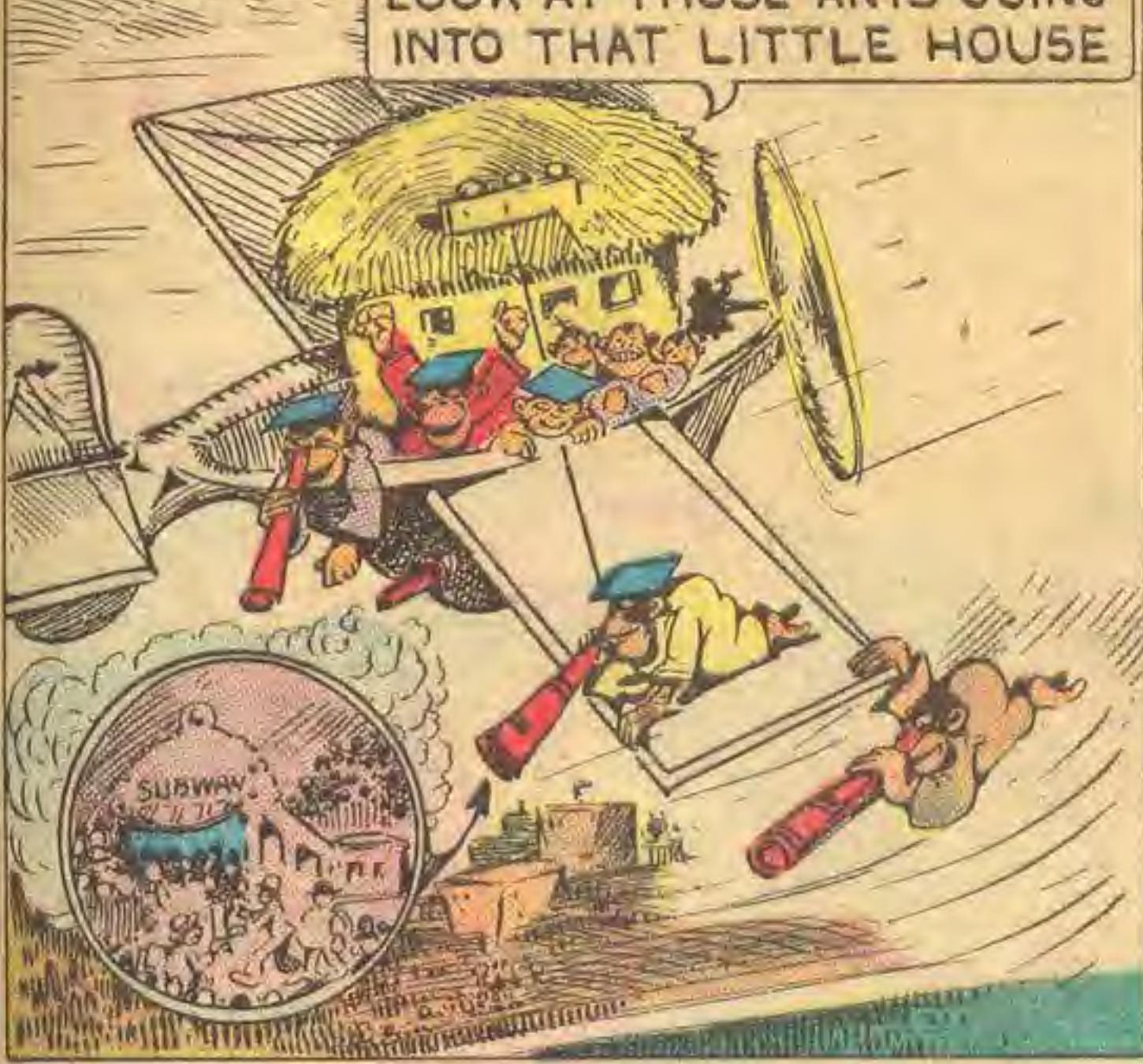
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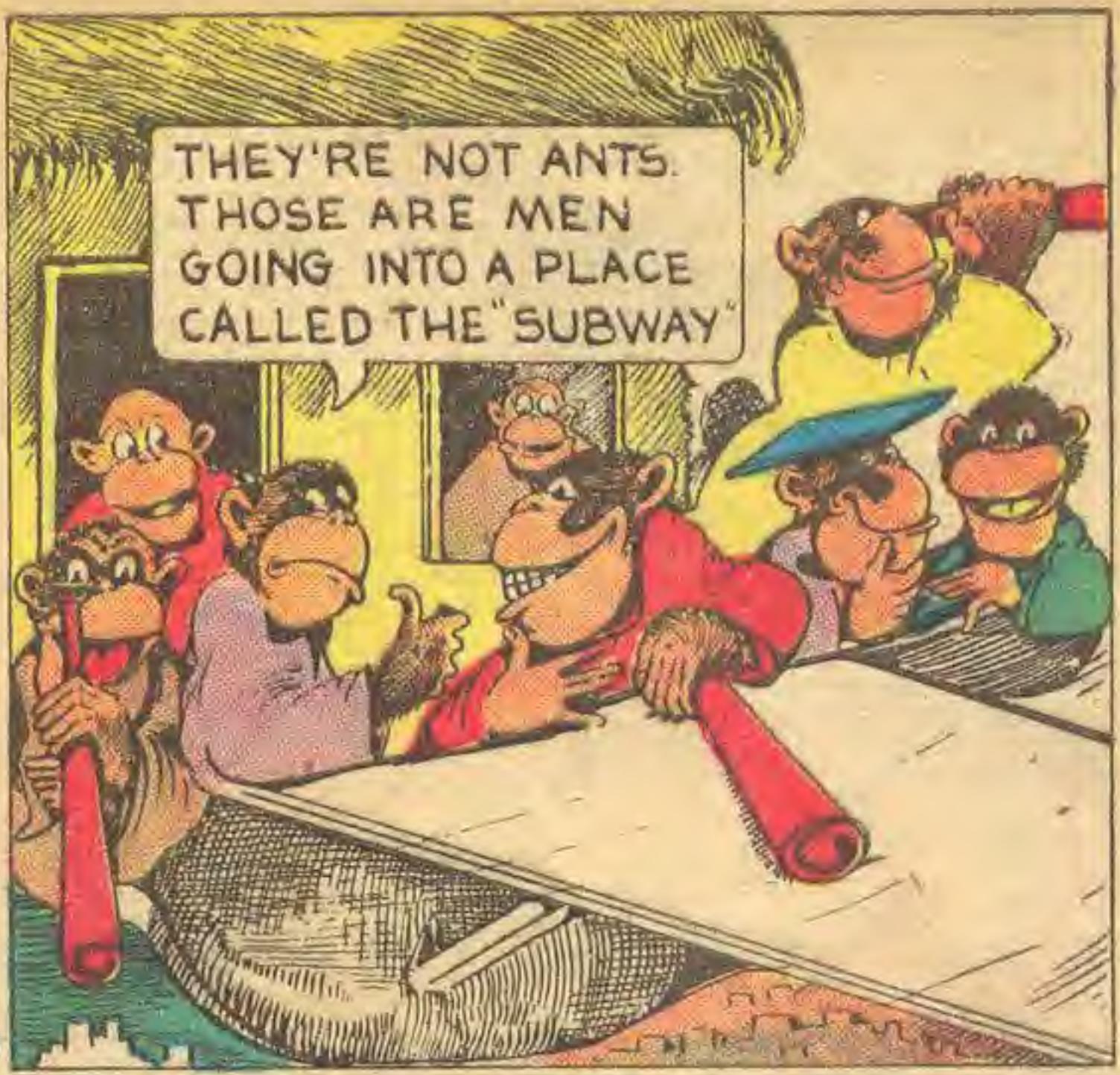




LOOK AT THOSE ANTS GOING
INTO THAT LITTLE HOUSE



THEY'RE NOT ANTS.
THOSE ARE MEN
GOING INTO A PLACE
CALLED THE "SUBWAY"



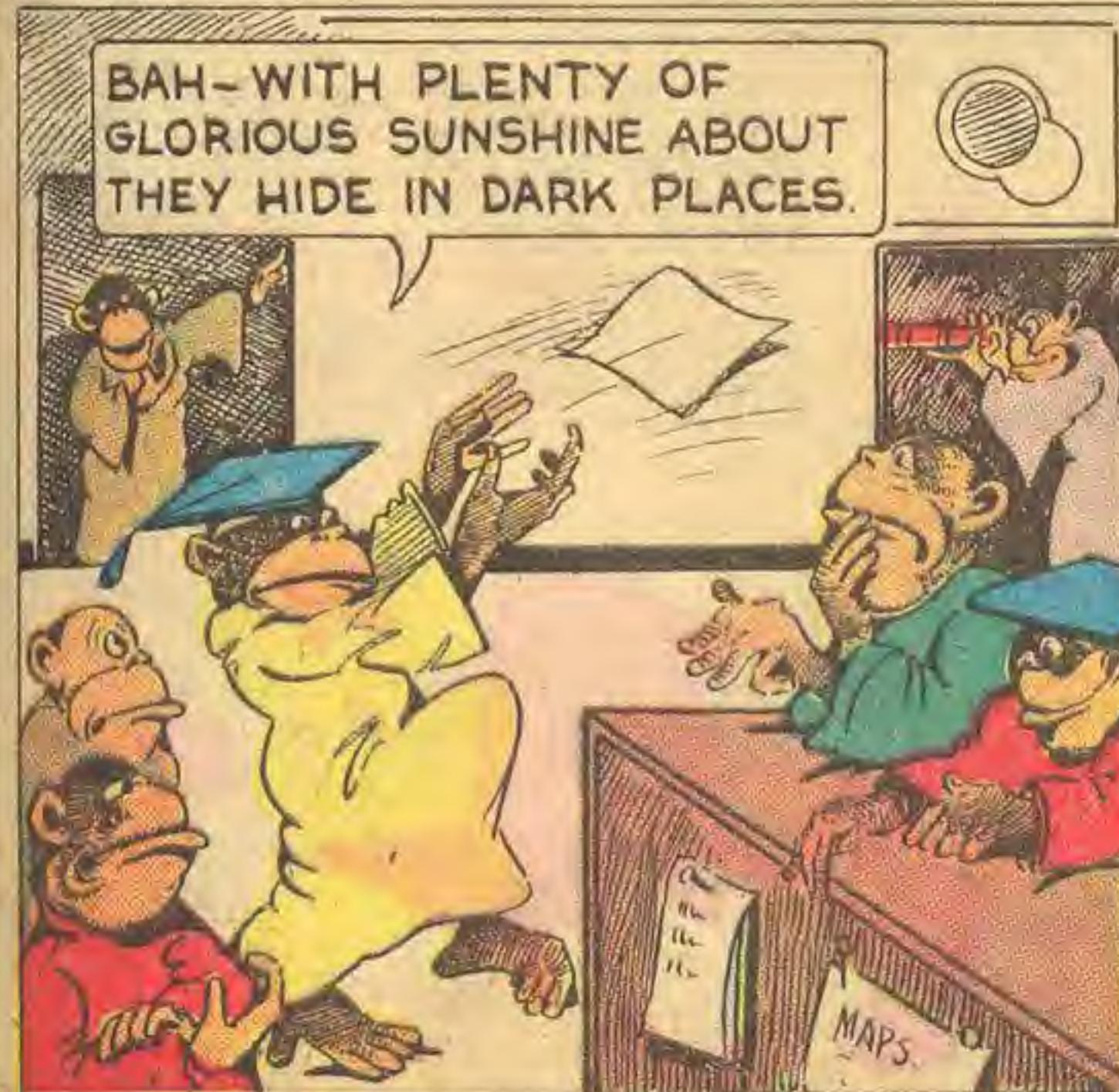
IT LOOKS AS IF
THEY WERE HIDING



IS THAT HUMAN?
TO RUN INTO A
HOLE LIKE ANTS?

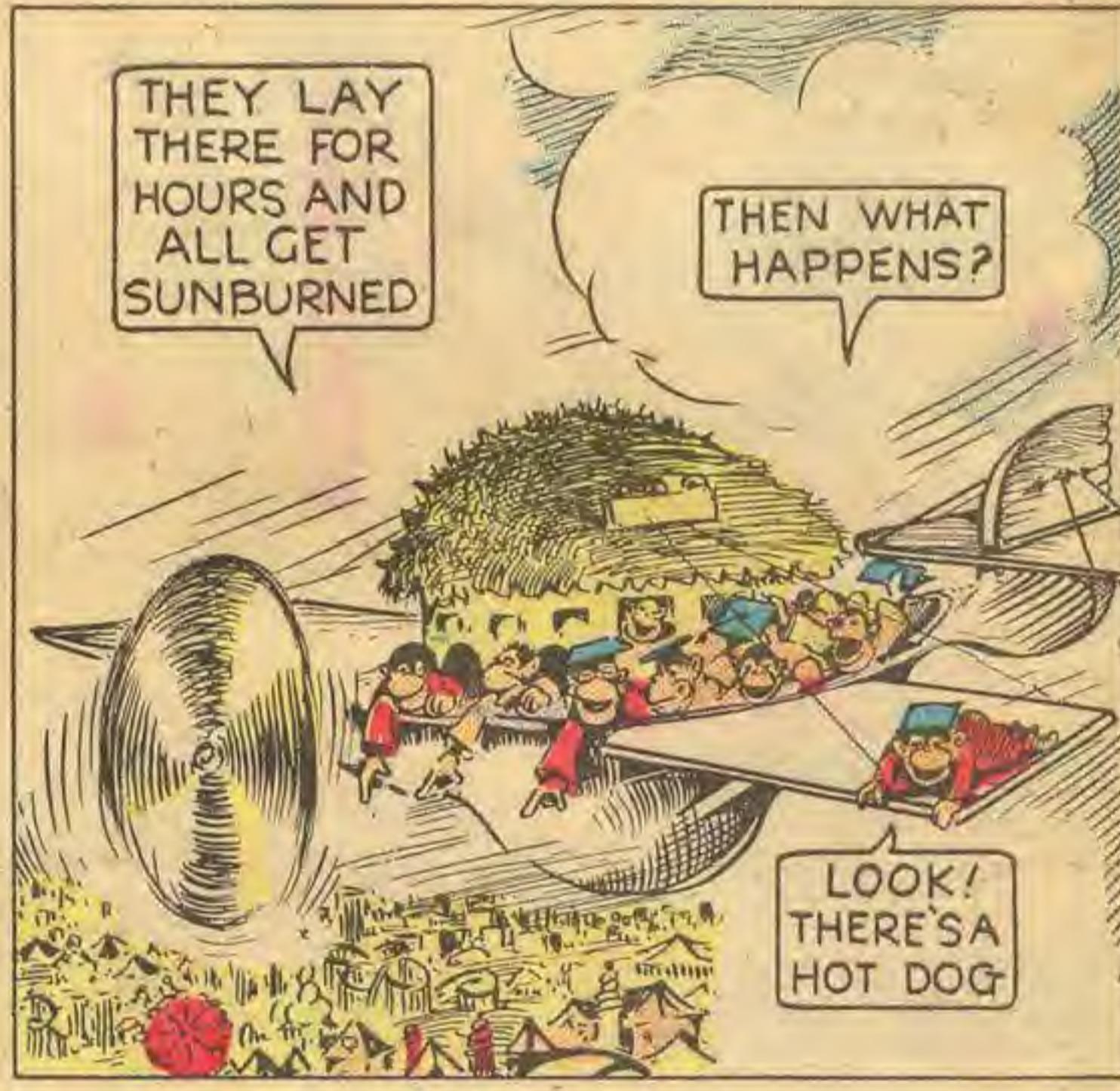
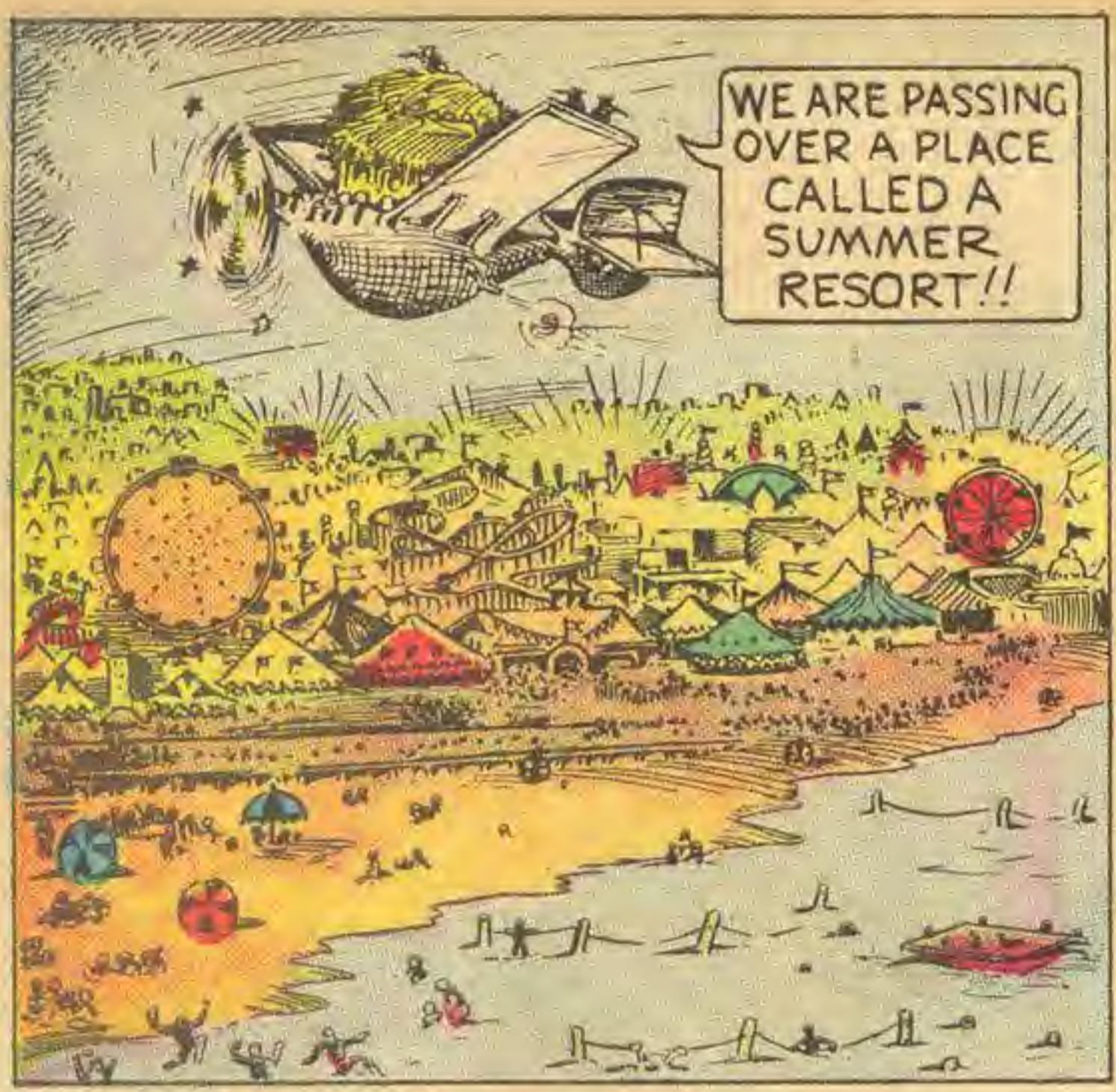


BAH - WITH PLENTY OF
GLORIOUS SUNSHINE ABOUT
THEY HIDE IN DARK PLACES.

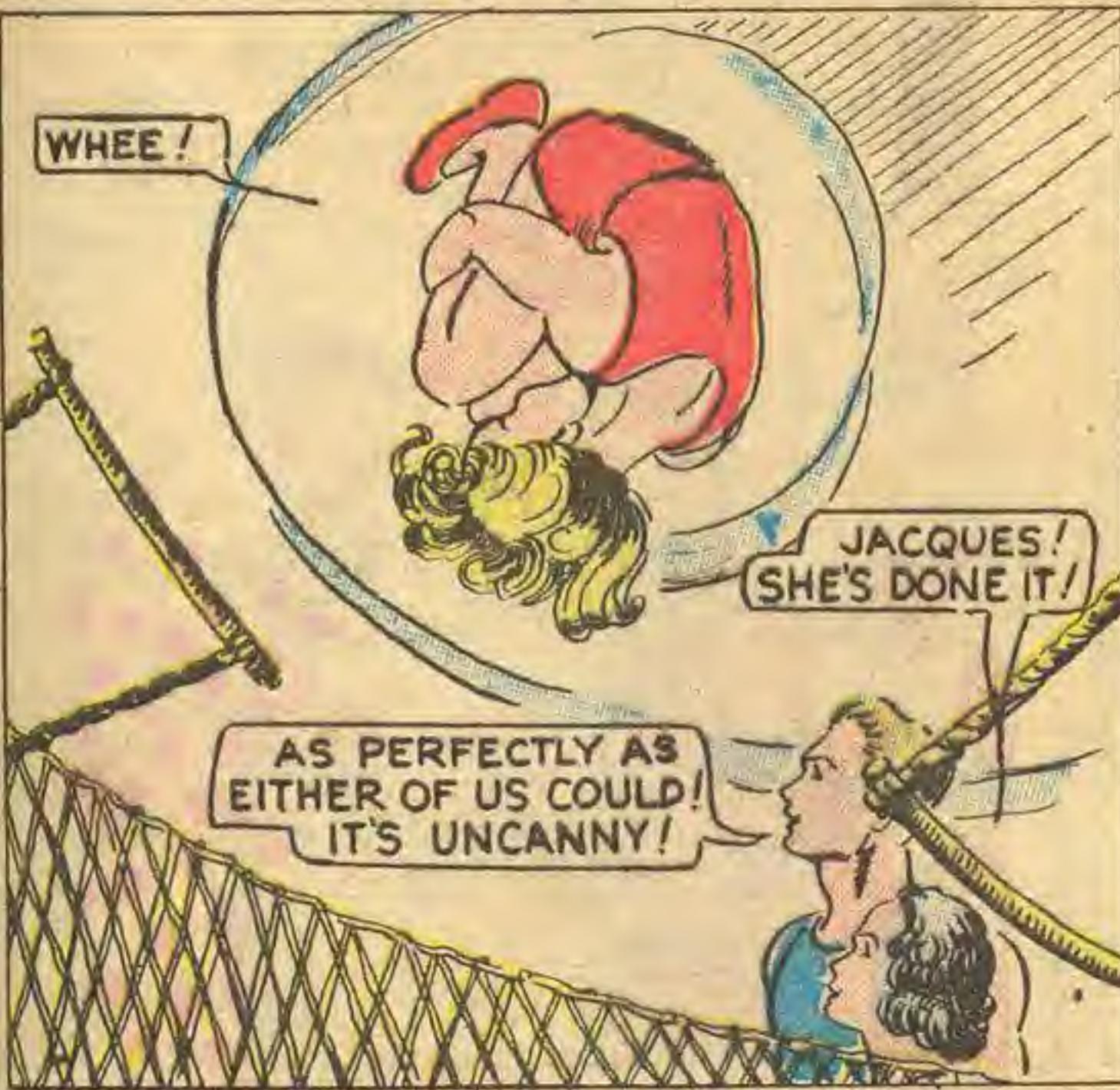
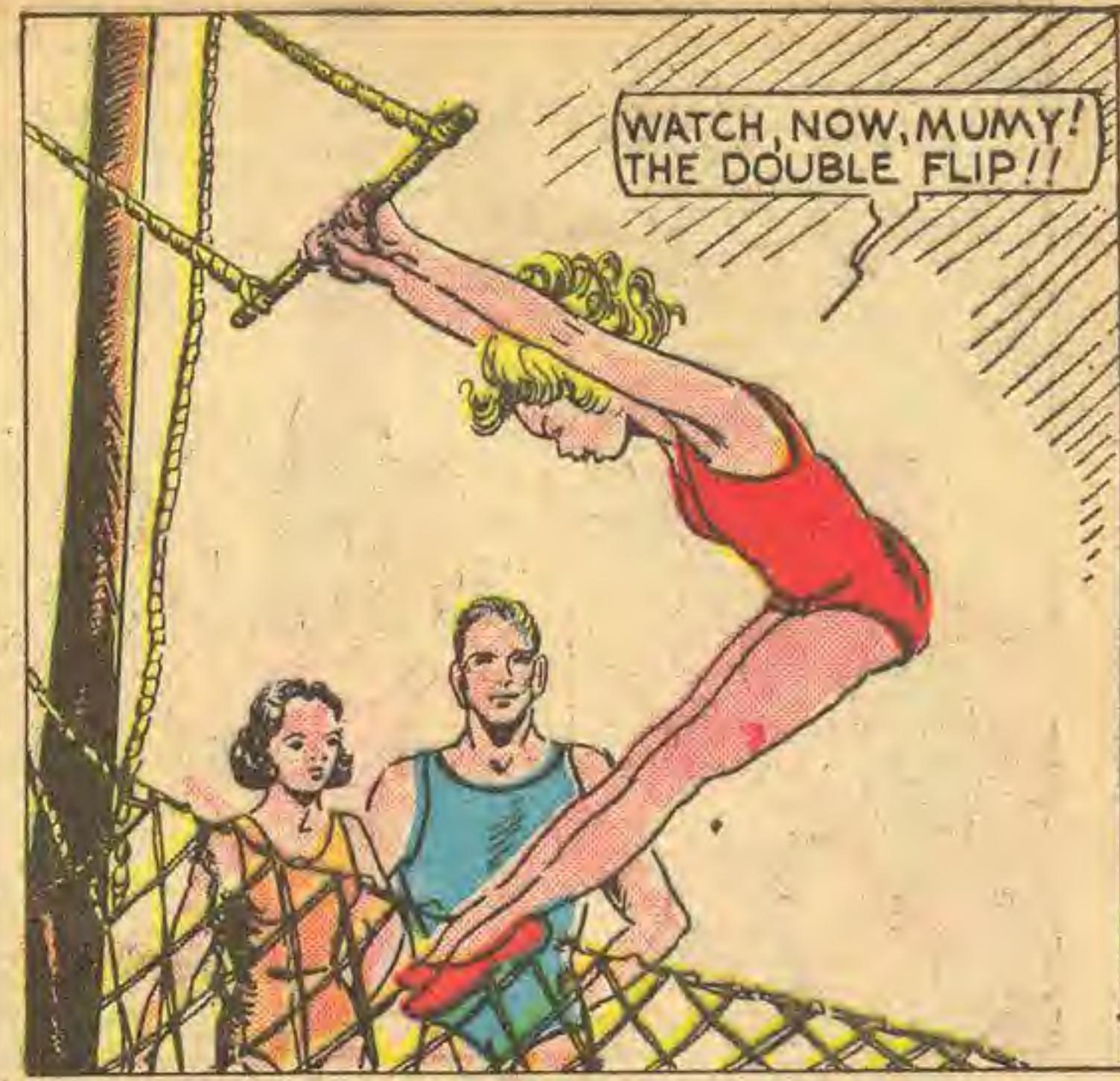


WHY, THESE SO CALLED
HUMANS DO THING WE
WOULDN'T DREAM OF
DOING IN THE JUNGLE





CIRCUS DAYS





...BUT IT'S THE NERVOUS STRAIN, THE DISAPPOINTMENTS.. MR. STOKES... PIERROT DIDN'T MEAN IT WITHOUT THE CIRCUS HE'D DIE!

IF YOU INSIST, JACQUES ILL GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE.



I'VE CHANGED MY MIND PIERROT. I'M GOING TO KEEP YOU ON...

OH! THANK YOU MISTER STOKES, I WAS UNSTRUNG A THOUSAND PARDONS...



YOU CAN THANK JACQUES FOR MY DECISION, THOUGH, HE PERSUADED ME TO DO IT

JACQUES... PERSUADED YOU?



SO ONCE AGAIN I AM THE OBJECT OF JACQUES' CHARITY! AND HOW I HATE HIM AND HIS SMUGNESS!

THAT NIGHT... PIERROT'S ACT GOES ON JUST BEFORE THAT OF JACQUES AND JARITZA

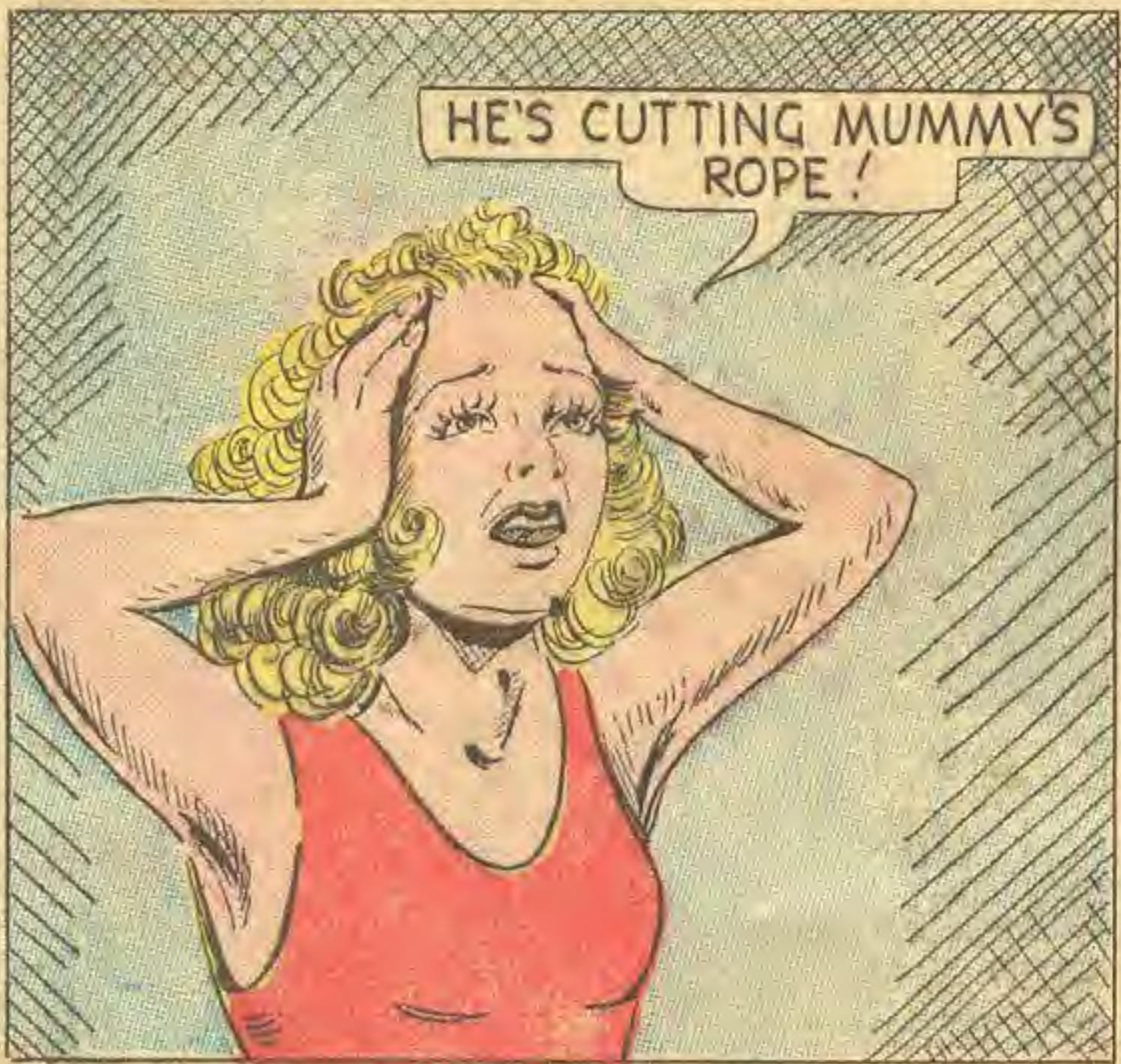
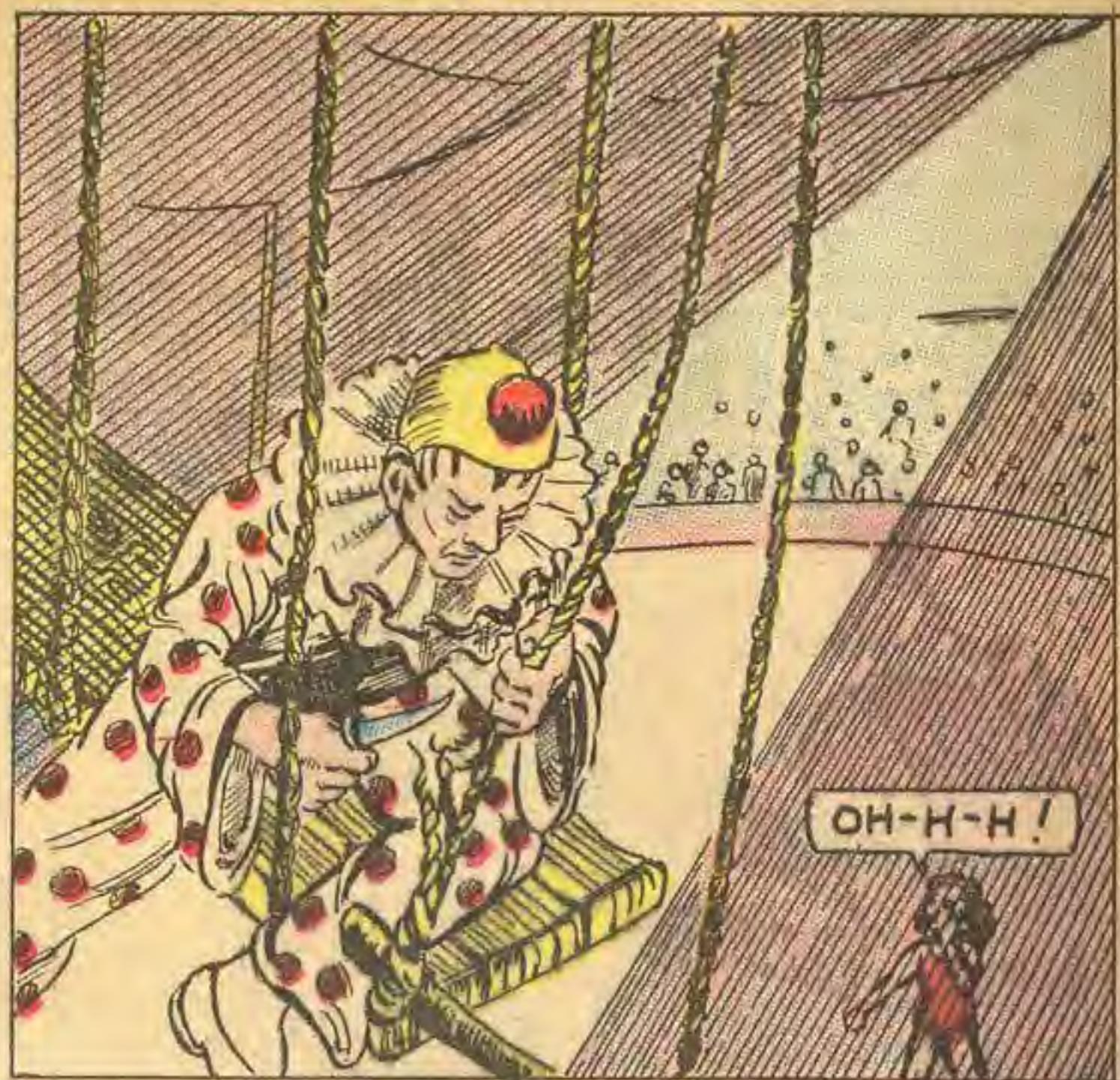
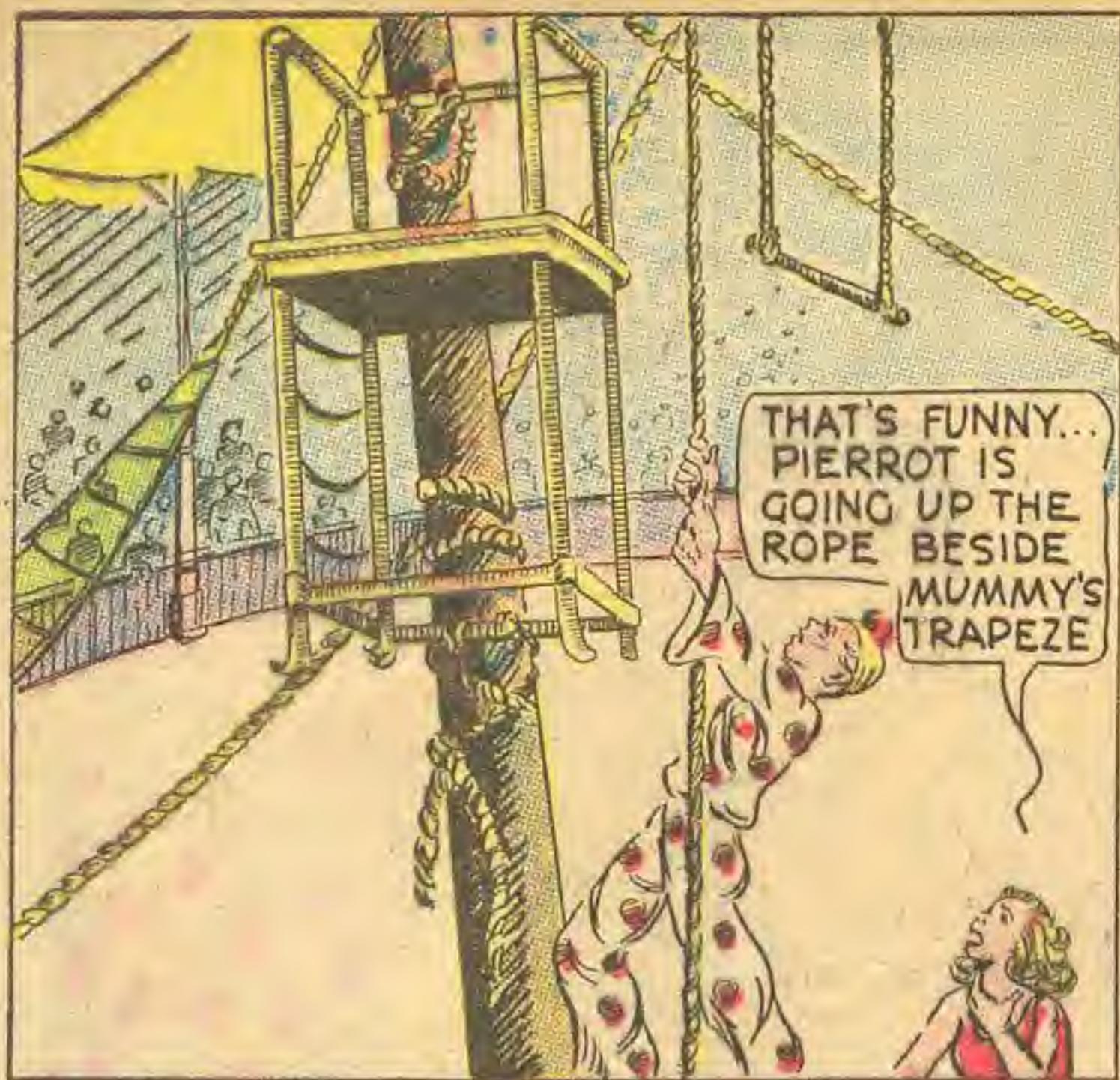
PERHAPS... IF HE SHOULD LOSE HIS WIFE

PIERROT STILL HAS THAT STRANGE LOOK ON HIS FACE. I'M GOING TO WATCH HIM. I HOPE HE DOESN'T FALL



...AND SO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT PIERROT, THE WORLD'S GREATEST HIGH-WIRE CLOWN!





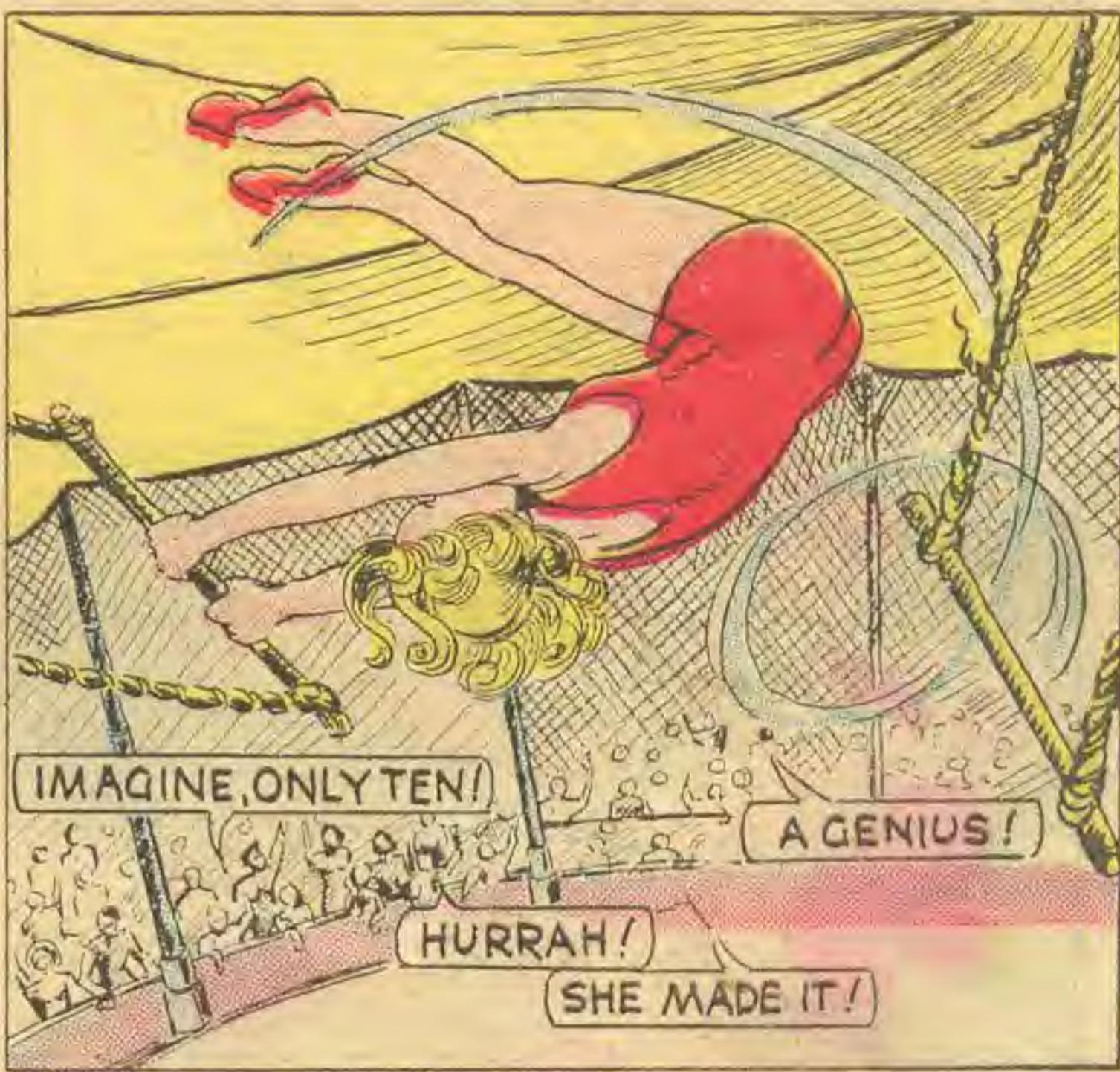
WHY, I THOUGHT... GOOD GRIEF,
THIS IS AWFUL! JANE SAID JACQUES
HAS BROKEN HIS LEG! SHE IS TAK-
ING YOUR PLACE!

SHE WANTS TO TRY
THE DOUBLE FLIP...

STOP HER!
OH, JACQUES
SHE'LL BE
KILLED

NO, JACQUES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT
HAS BEEN MADE.... AND YOU
COULDN'T STOP HER...
SHE'S ALREADY SWINGING

OH... JANE!



MY DARLING --- !

JANE, YOU SHOULD BE
ASHAMED....

BUT, DADDY, I SAW
PIERROT CUTTING
MUMMY'S ROPES



CLAIRES S. MOE

...AND I DIDN'T THINK MY WEIGHT WOULD BREAK THEM
AND I KNEW THE ACT HAD TO GO ON

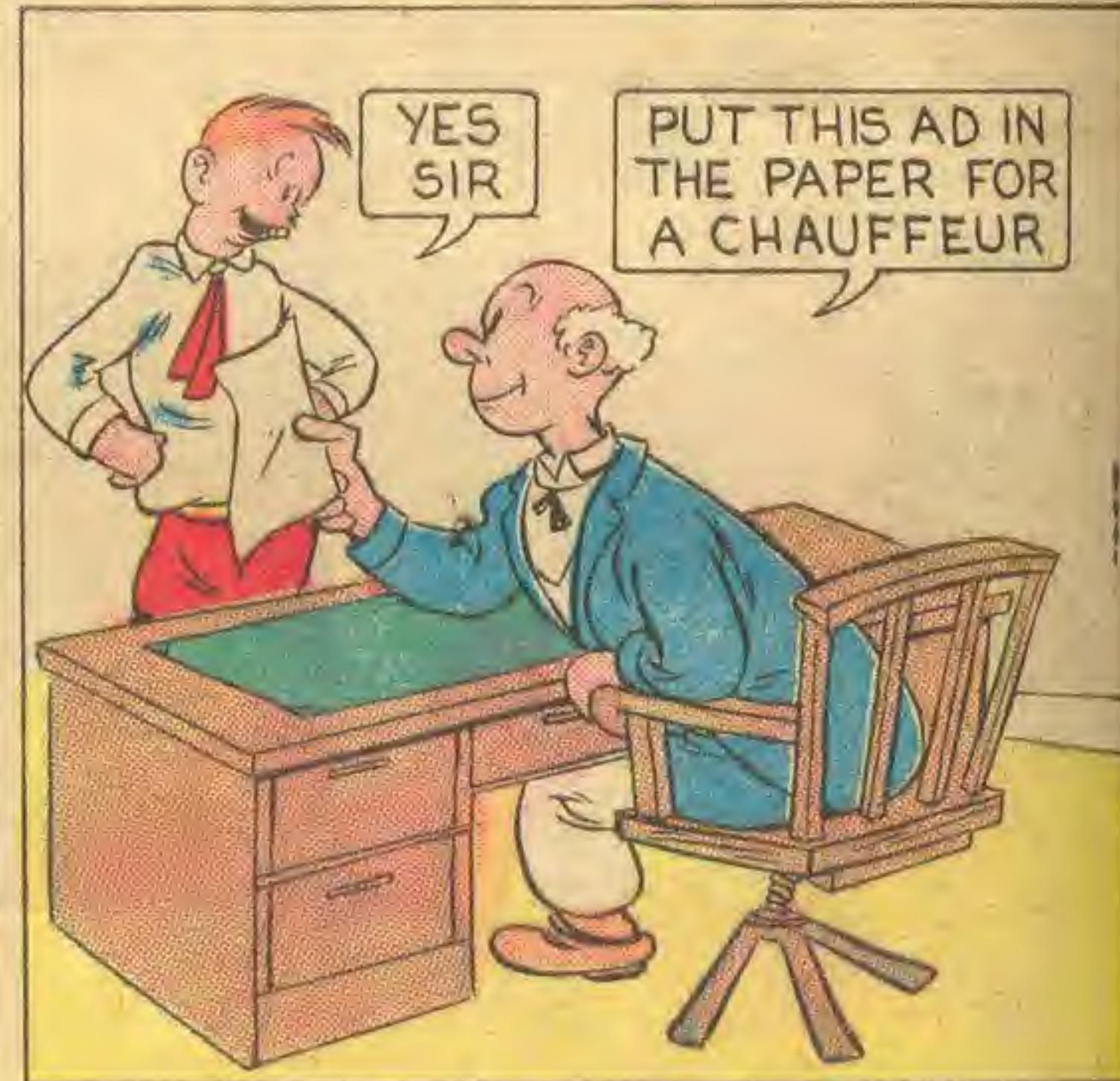
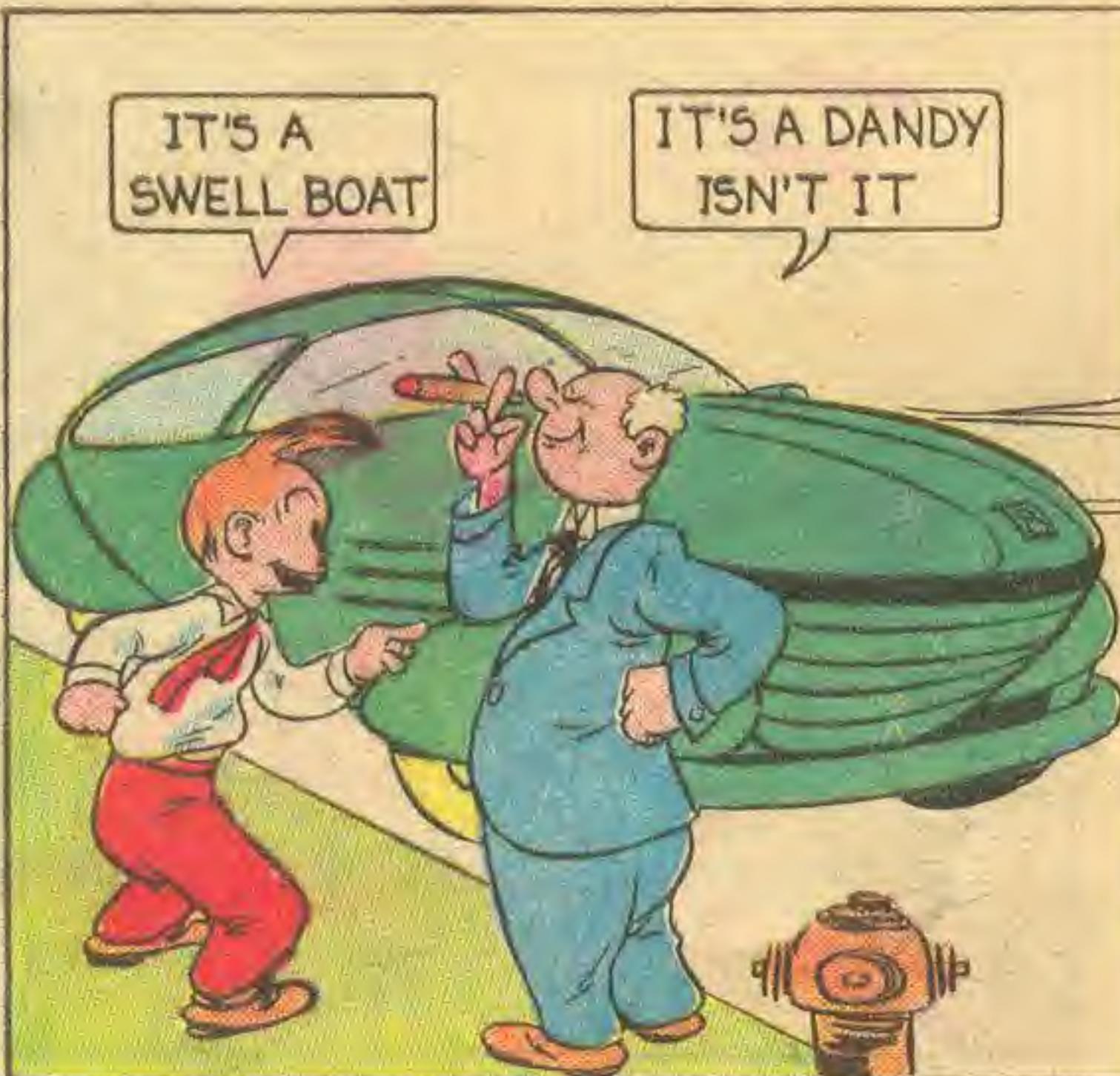
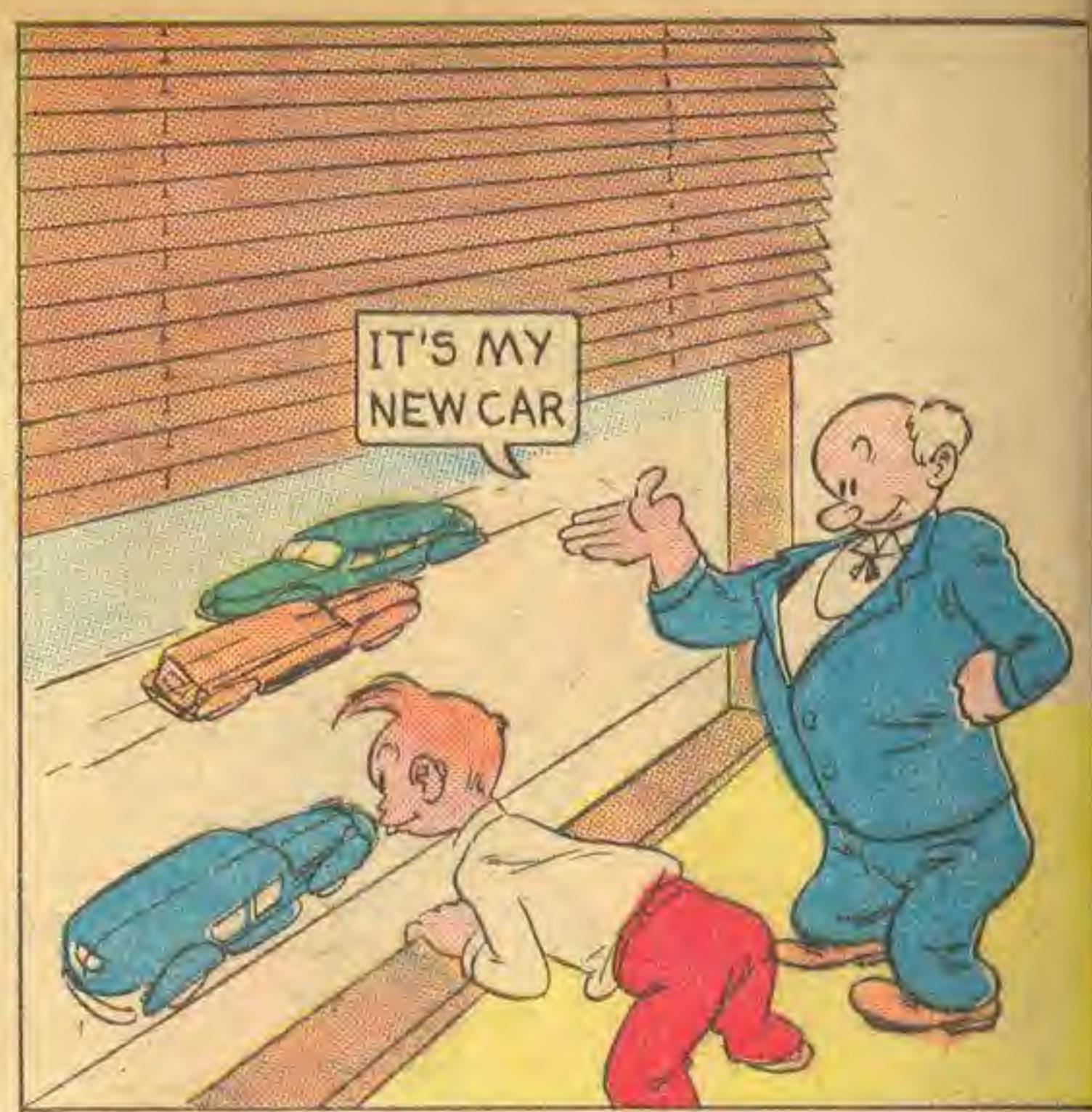
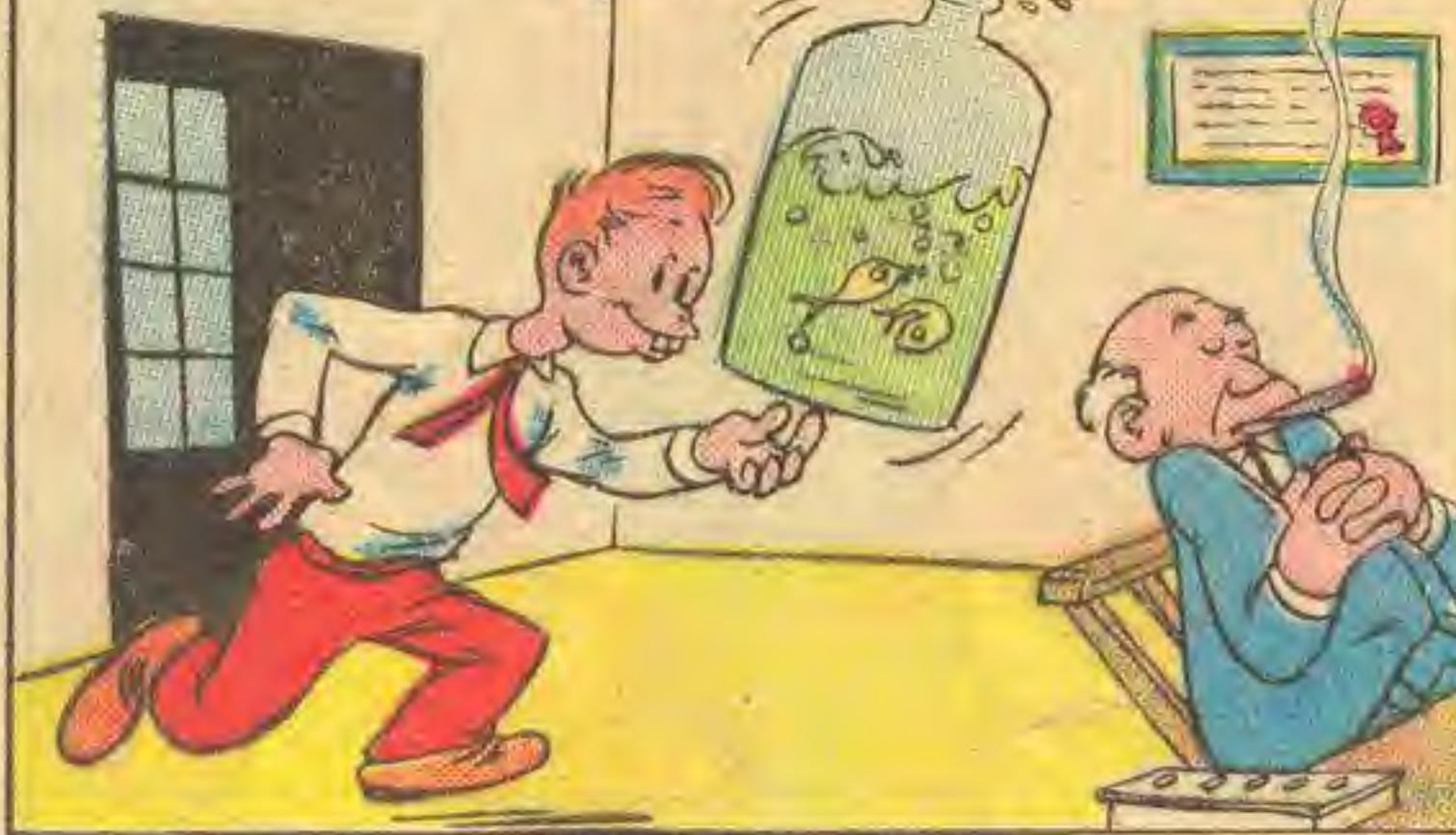
AND KEPT THE SHOW GOING!
JANE, YOU'RE A
GREAT LITTLE TROUPER!

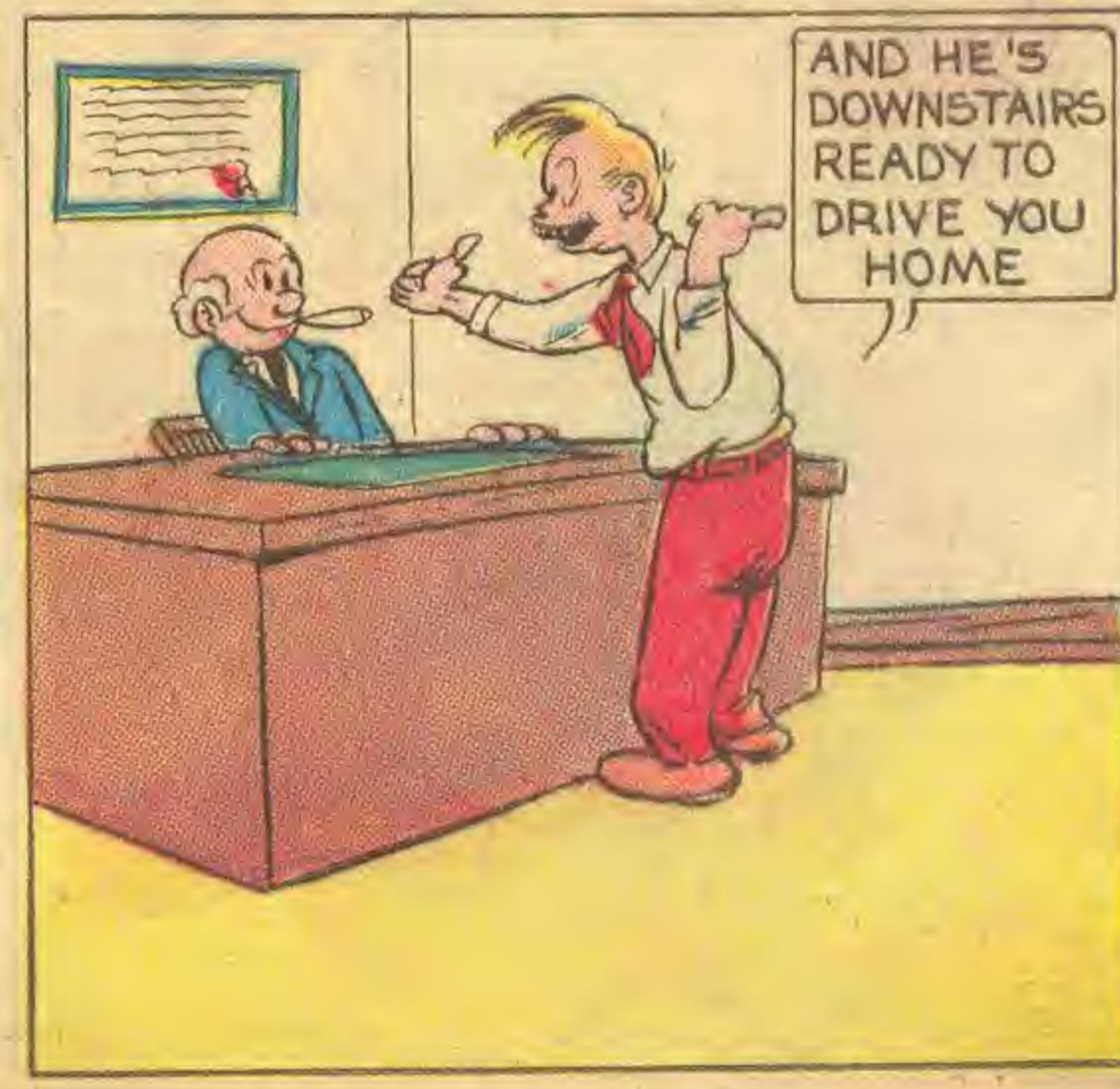
AND YOU SAVED
MUMMY'S LIFE!

JANE WILL HAVE MORE CIRCUS ADVENTURES
IN THE NEXT ISSUE. WATCH FOR THEM.

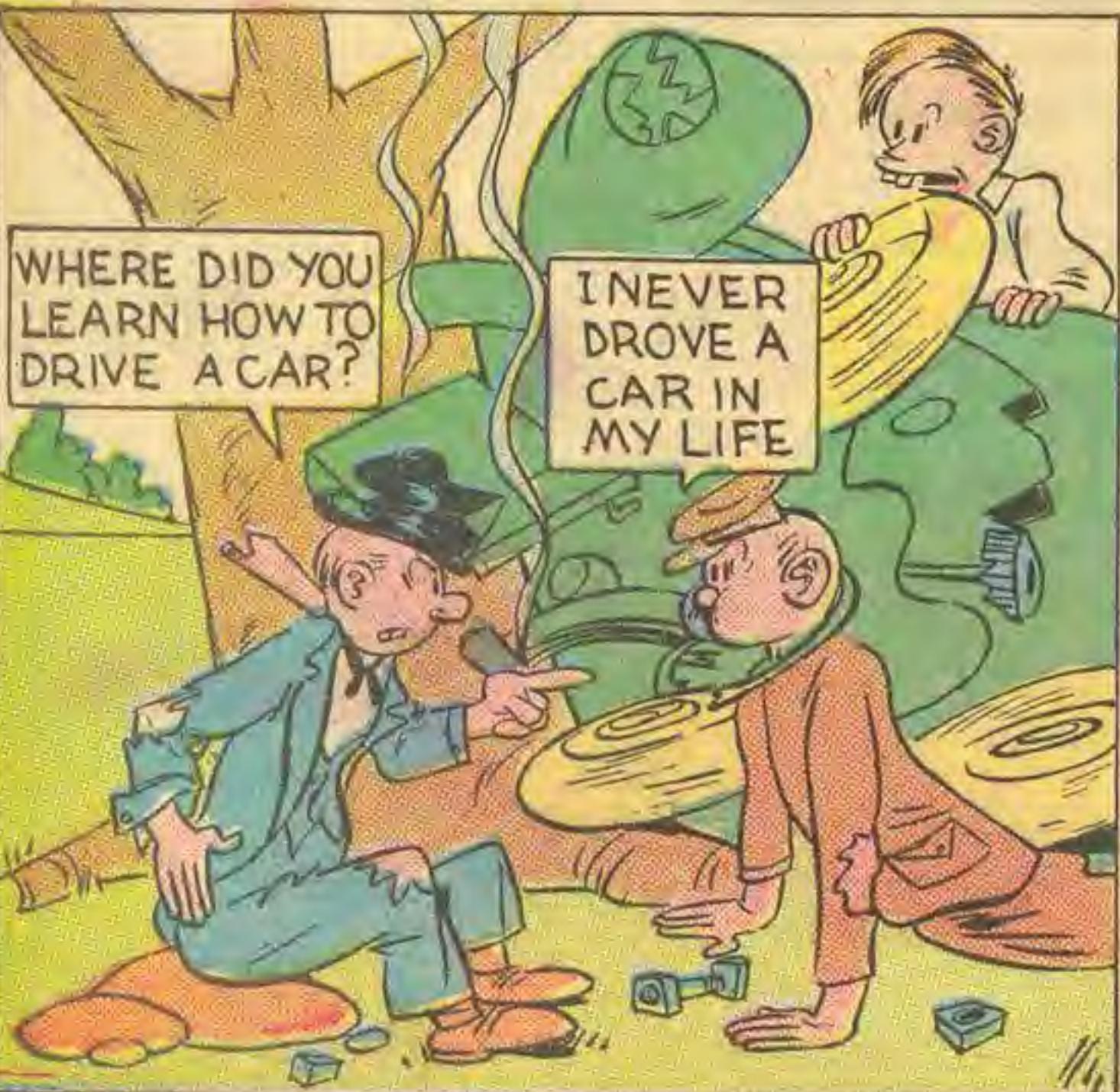
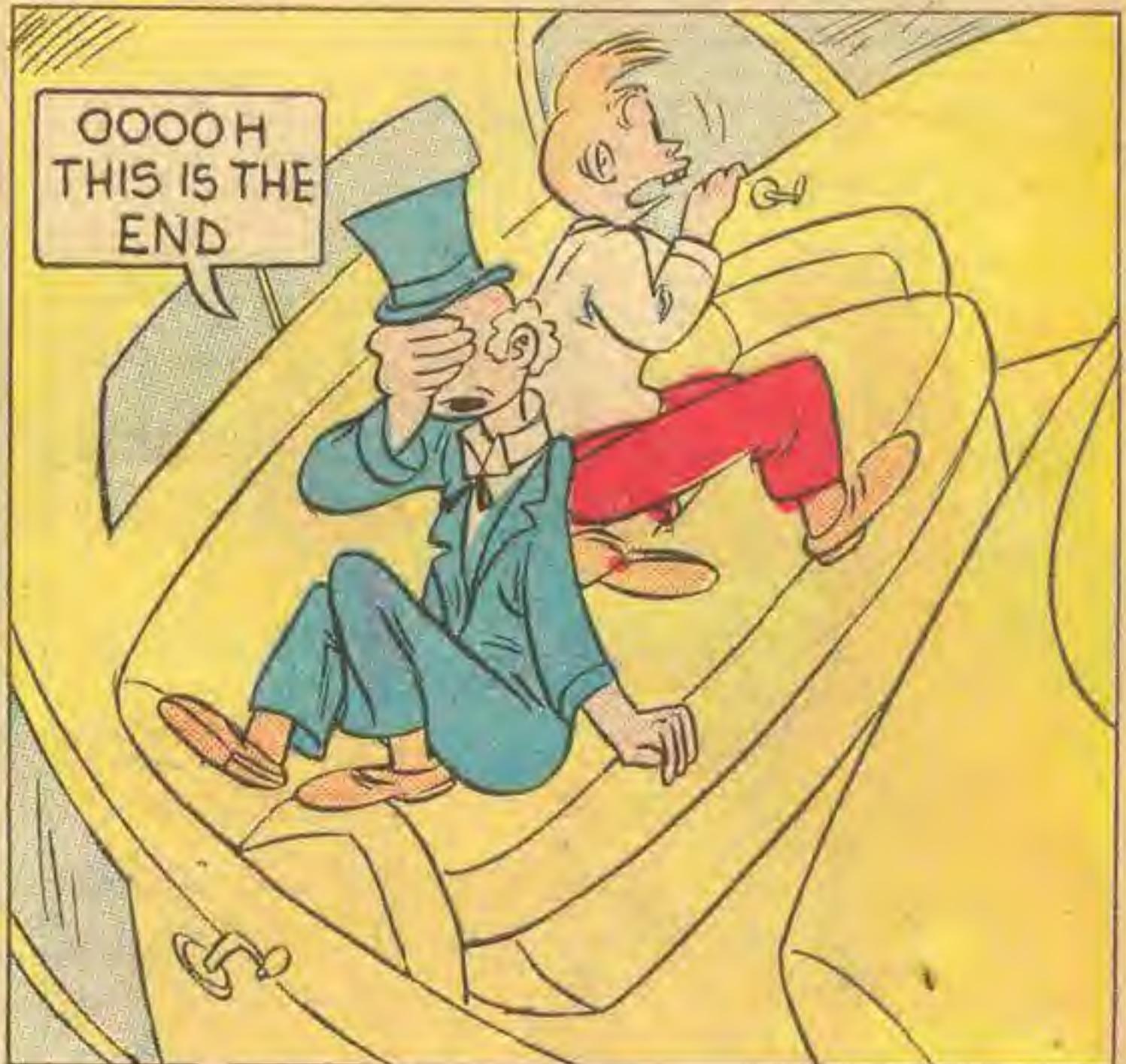
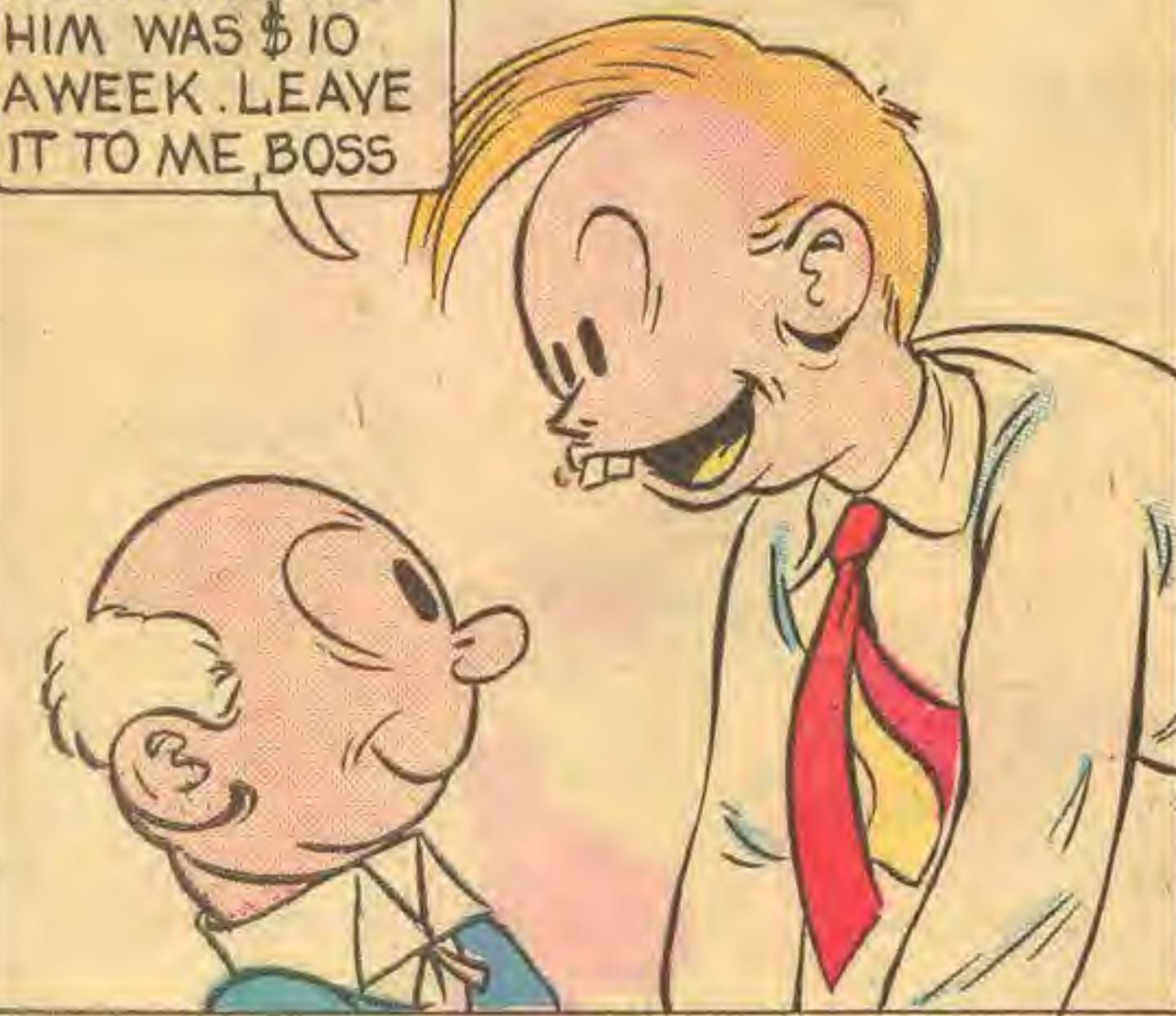


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AND JUST THINK,
ALL I OFFERED
HIM WAS \$10
A WEEK. LEAVE
IT TO ME, BOSS



GREAT WORK ^{OF} THE ANCIENTS

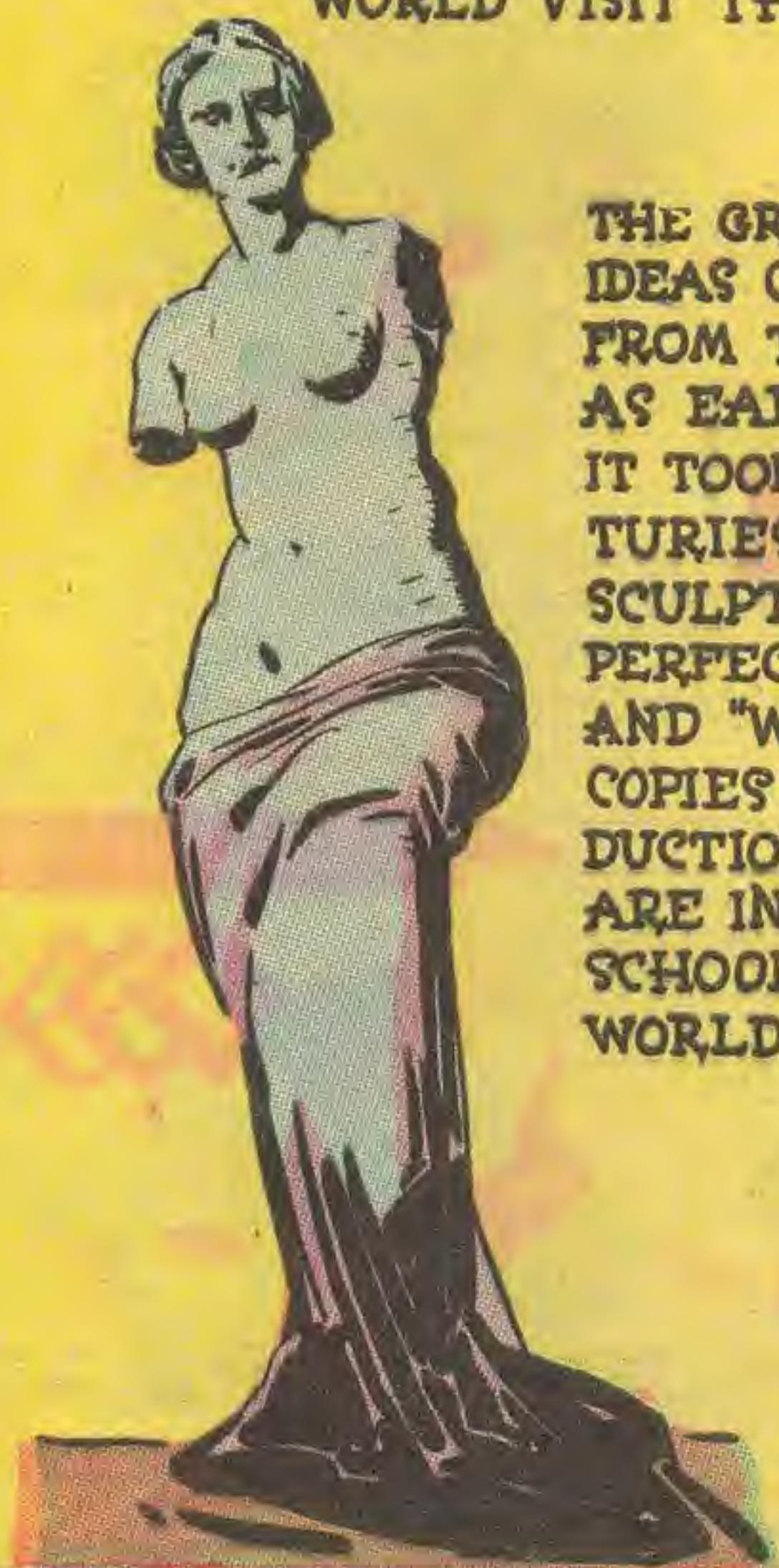
THE GREAT SPHINX



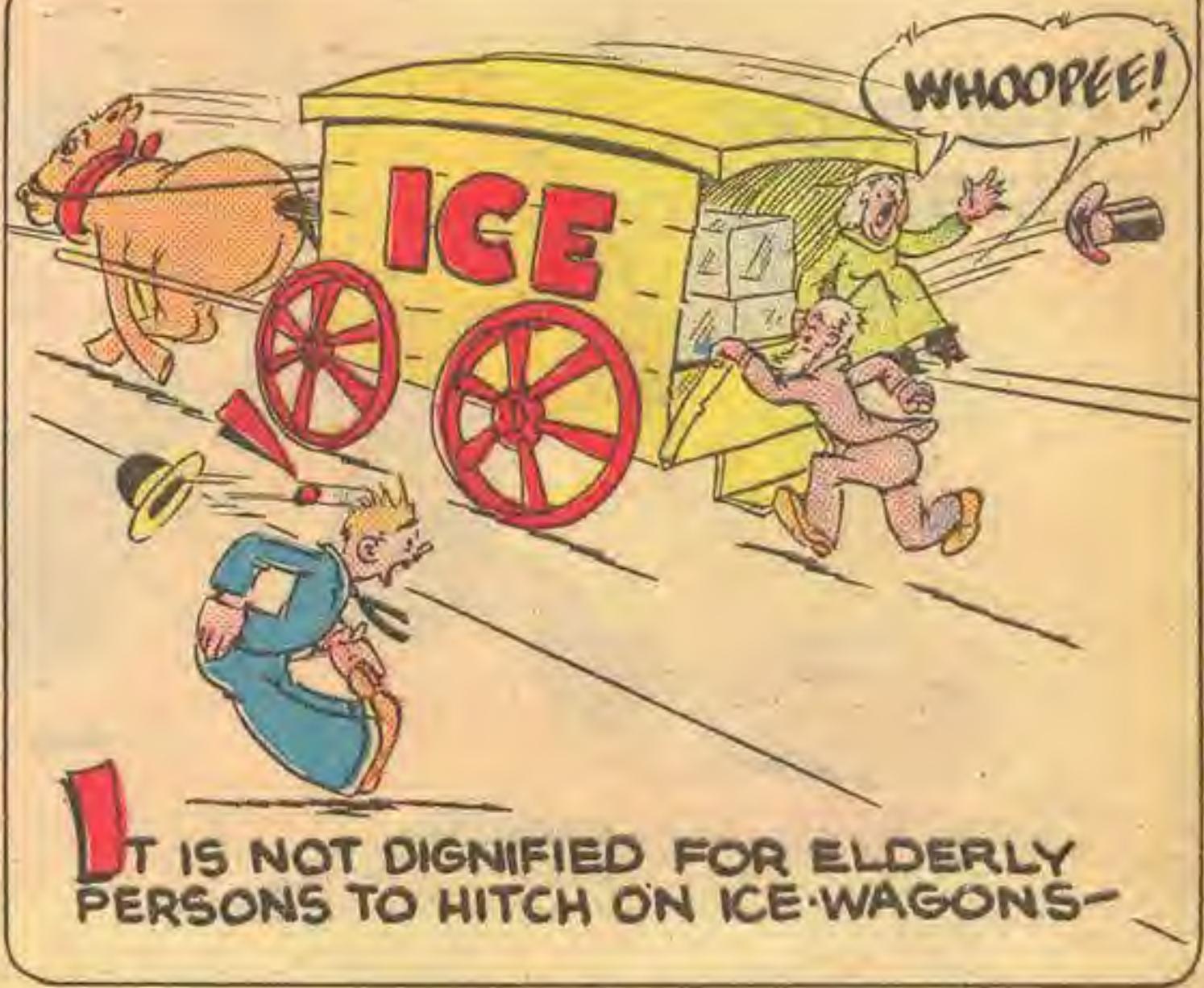
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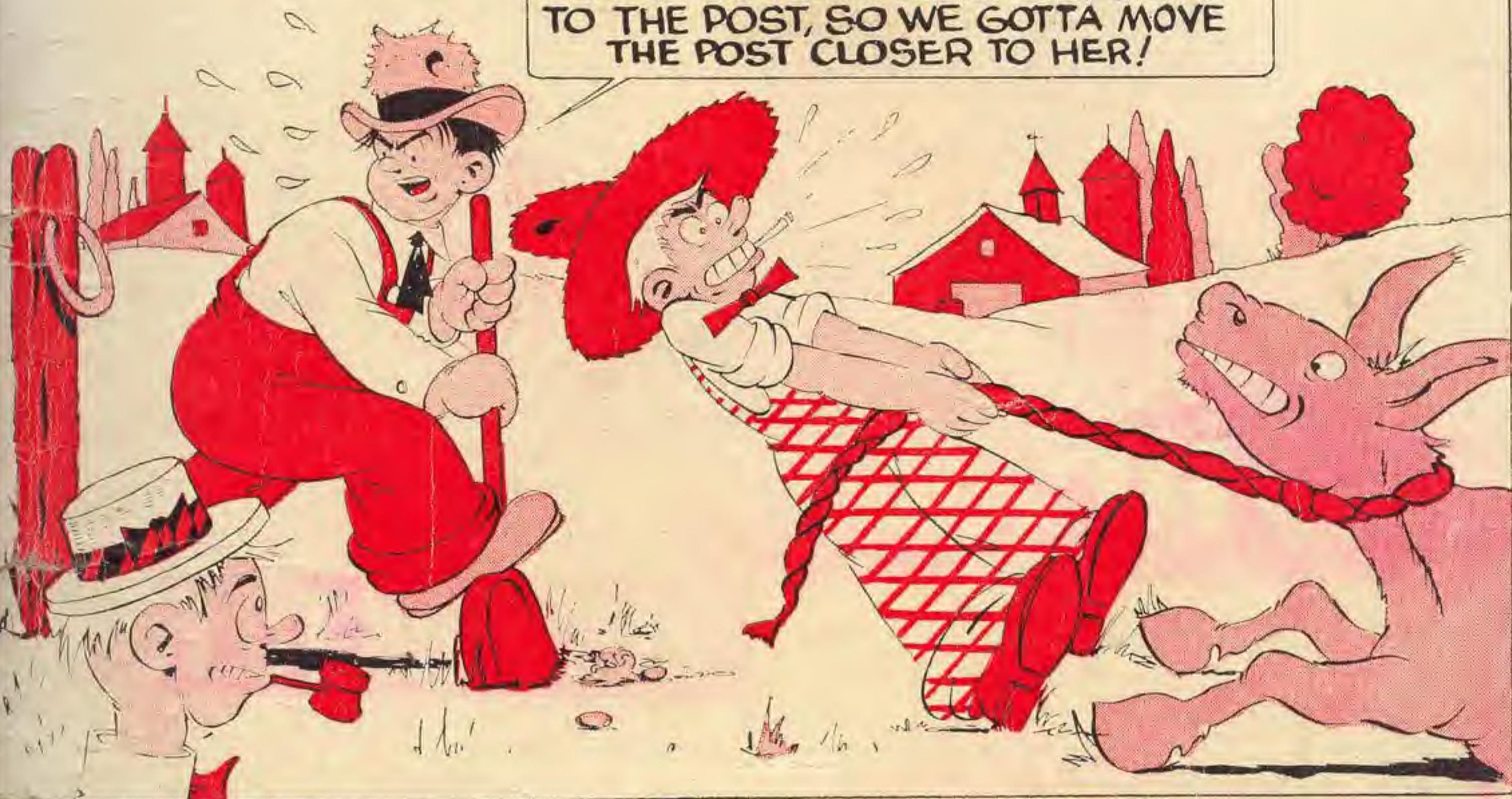


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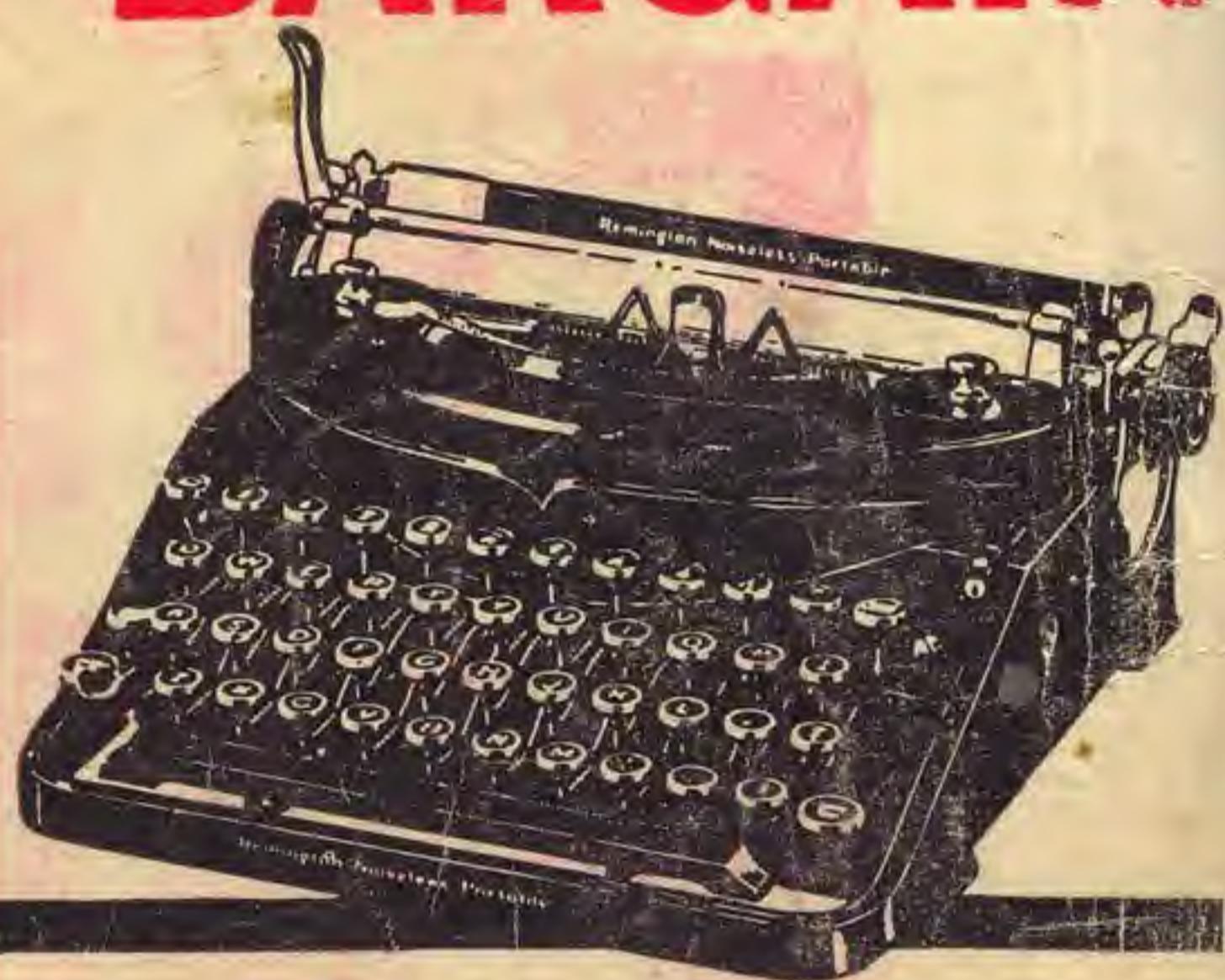
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